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A practical UK planning guide for ecological fieldwork and project programming

SURVEY / SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bat preliminary roost assessment	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bat emergence / re-entry				■	●	●	●	●	■	■		
Bat activity / transects				■	●	●	●	●	●	■		
Bat hibernation surveys	●	●	■								■	■
Great crested newt conventional			■	●	●	■						
Great crested newt eDNA				■	●	●						
Dormouse nest tube monitoring				■	●	■	■	●	●	■	■	
Reptile presence / absence			■	●	●	■	■	■	●	■		
Breeding bird surveys			■	●	●	●	■					
Wintering bird surveys	●	●	■							■	●	●
Water vole field signs				■	●	●	●	●	●			
Otter field signs	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Badger field signs	●	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	■	●	●	●
White-clawed crayfish							●	●	●	●		
Habitat / botanical detailed				■	●	●	●	●	■			
Preliminary ecological appraisal	■	■	■	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	■

KEY: ● Optimal / key survey period ■ Possible / secondary period, subject to method and conditions Blank = not generally a standard survey period for this method.

Important: Indicative UK timings only, not a technical survey specification. Species, survey purpose, geography, weather, licence requirements and current guidance determine suitable methods and dates. A blank cell does not mean the species is absent or that ecological constraints can be ignored. Great crested newt eDNA sampling is generally 15 April to 30 June; conventional surveys have specific visit and mid-season requirements. Nesting birds can be protected whenever active nests are present. Wintering bird programmes may span two calendar years. Dormouse nest-tube programmes require appropriate cumulative survey effort. Specialist advice is essential.

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