



This calendar reflects best practice guidance for surveying habitats and species within the south-west region. The windows for survey are indicative and are provided to help planners, architects, and developers plan and prepare their respective project schedules. For more information, please contact Steve on **07931 332925** or email [steve@swecology.co.uk](mailto:steve@swecology.co.uk)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
<b>Preliminary Ecological Assessment (Phase 1)</b>	Sub-optimum survey period			Optimum survey period					Sub-optimum survey period					
<b>Botanical survey</b>	Sub-optimum survey period			Optimum survey period					Sub-optimum survey period					
<b>Coastal biotope survey</b>	Optimum survey period													
<b>Badgers</b>	Can be limited by vegetation growth obscuring setts													
<b>Bats – emergence and activity</b>	Sub-optimum survey period		Sub-optimum survey period	Optimum survey period					Sub-optimum survey period		Sub-optimum survey period			
<b>Bats - preliminary roost inspection</b>	Optimum survey period													
<b>Dormice</b>	Sub-optimum survey period			Optimum survey period							Nest tube survey for presence/absence		Nut search only	
<b>Otters</b>	Can be limited by vegetation growth and periods of high water													
<b>Water voles</b>	Habitat assessment			Optimum survey period					Habitat assessment					
<b>Breeding birds</b>	Sub-optimum survey period		Sub-optimum survey period	Optimum survey period			Sub-optimum survey period					Sub-optimum survey period		
<b>Wintering birds</b>	Optimum survey period		Sub-optimum survey period	Sub-optimum survey period							Sub-optimum survey period	Optimum survey period		
<b>Cirl bunting</b>	Sub-optimum survey period			Optimum survey period					Sub-optimum survey period					
<b>Great crested newt survey</b>	Sub-optimum survey period		Optimum survey period			Sub-optimum survey period					Sub-optimum survey period			
<b>Great crested newt - eDNA</b>	Sub-optimum survey period			Optimum survey period					Sub-optimum survey period					
<b>Reptiles</b>	Sub-optimum survey period		Sub-optimum survey period	Optimum survey period			Sub-optimum survey period		Optimum survey period	Sub-optimum survey period	Sub-optimum survey period			

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