

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Preliminary Ecological Appraisal		Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal
Habitat surveys		Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal
Bats	Preliminary Roost Assessment (buildings)	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
	Preliminary Roost Assessment (trees)	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Optimal
	Stage 2 surveys					Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal		
	Transect surveys				Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal		
Great Crested Newts	Preliminary Habitat Assessment	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
	eDNA				Optimal	Optimal	Optimal						
	Presence/Absence surveys			Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal				
Reptiles	Presence/Absence surveys			Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal			Optimal	Sub-optimal		
Badgers	Preliminary Scoping Assessment	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal
	Full Surveys	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal
Otters		Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal
Water voles		Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal
Key to colours													
		Optimal Survey Period											
			Sub-optimal Survey Period										
													Surveys not possible

Signs of bat roost potential can be obscured when trees are in leaf

Up to 3 surveys, conducted a minimum of 2 weeks apart

Spread over the survey season

Up to 6 pond surveys mid-March to mid-June, at least 50% mid-April to mid-May

2 week set up, 8 survey visits, temperature dependant

A minimum of 3 weeks of activity checks

Surveys more limited by vegetation and weather conditions, rather than season

Surveys may be limited by vegetation

Some species or survey types will require the whole survey season. Please refer to midlandecology.co.uk for individual surveys including more details on timings, and factors that may affect these timings.

Surveys should ideally be carried out in the optimum survey window (shown in green) in order to get the most accurate results. Although surveys are still possible in the sub-optimal survey window (shown in yellow), in some instances the results may be inconclusive, and so the surveys may need to be repeated or further justification required by the planning authority.

Unusual/changing weather conditions may influence the survey results even within the optimum survey season.

These are the most commonly requested surveys, but if you would like information on a different survey, please don't hesitate to e-mail us on info@midlandecology.co.uk or give us a call on 07854473385