

| Species                                                                                              | Jan                                                                    | Feb                           | Mar                                                                                                        | Apr                                                 | May                                   | Jun                                                         | Jul                                                         | Aug               | Sep                                                       | Oct                        | Nov              | Dec |
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| <b>Habitats / Vegetation</b>                                                                         | Phase 1 and NVC (sub-optimal)                                          |                               |                                                                                                            | Phase 1 and NVC                                     |                                       |                                                             |                                                             |                   | Phase 1 and NVC (sub-optimal)                             |                            |                  |     |
| <b>Badgers</b>                                                                                       | Limited sett / bait surveys                                            | Bait marking and sett surveys |                                                                                                            |                                                     | Limited bait marking and sett surveys |                                                             |                                                             | Sett surveys      |                                                           | Limited sett/ bait surveys |                  |     |
| <b>Bats</b>                                                                                          | Inspection of hibernation roosts                                       |                               | Limited activity                                                                                           | Summer roost emergence surveys and activity surveys |                                       |                                                             |                                                             |                   | Limited activity                                          | Hibernation roosts         |                  |     |
| Potential roost, and internal surveys are possible all year round. Trees are best surveyed in winter |                                                                        |                               |                                                                                                            |                                                     |                                       |                                                             |                                                             |                   |                                                           |                            |                  |     |
| <b>Birds</b>                                                                                         | Winter Species                                                         |                               | Breeding birds / migrant species                                                                           |                                                     | Breeding birds                        |                                                             | Low activity                                                |                   | Migrant species                                           |                            | Winter species   |     |
| <b>Dormice</b>                                                                                       | Gnawed hazel nut search                                                |                               |                                                                                                            | Nest tube survey from April to November             |                                       |                                                             |                                                             |                   | Gnawed hazel nut search (best from September to December) |                            |                  |     |
| <b>Great crested newts</b>                                                                           | Newts Hibernating                                                      |                               | Pond surveys for adults / Terrestrial survey / Egg surveys April to mid-June / Larvae surveys from mid-May |                                                     |                                       | Habitat and larvae survey                                   |                                                             | Habitat survey    |                                                           | Newts hibernating          |                  |     |
| <b>Otters</b>                                                                                        | Limited by vegetation cover and weather conditions rather than seasons |                               |                                                                                                            |                                                     |                                       |                                                             |                                                             |                   |                                                           |                            |                  |     |
| <b>Reptiles</b>                                                                                      | Reptiles hibernating                                                   |                               | Peak survey months are April and May                                                                       |                                                     |                                       | Reduced basking time lowers effectiveness of refugia survey |                                                             | Peak survey month | Limited activity                                          | Reptiles hibernating       |                  |     |
| <b>Water voles</b>                                                                                   | Low activity                                                           | Initial habitat survey        | Habitat and field signs / activity surveys<br>May be limited by vegetation cover and weather               |                                                     |                                       |                                                             |                                                             |                   |                                                           | Initial habitat survey     | Low activity     |     |
| <b>White-clawed crayfish</b>                                                                         | Reduced activity                                                       |                               |                                                                                                            | Searching<br>Torching<br>Trapping                   | Breeding<br>Torchlight Survey only    |                                                             | Substrate search by hand<br>Torchlight and trapping surveys |                   |                                                           |                            | Reduced activity |     |

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