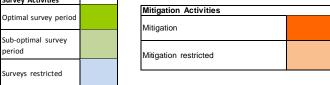




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	Guidelines to Optimal Survey and Mitigation Times														
		Licence Required	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Phase 1 & Protected Species)		N	Surveys can be conducted at all times of year  Habitat assessments may highlight the need for more detailed surveys to be undertaken which may be restricted to certain times of year.												
NVC Woodland		N	Mosses and lichens. No other detailed plant surveys - Phase 1 surveys only (sub optimal time.			Detailed habitat assessment surveys  Mosses and lichens in April, May and September only					S	Mosses and lichens. No other detailed plant surveys - Phase 1 surveys only (sub-optimal time.			
NVC Grassland		N	Mosses and lichens. No other detailed plant surveys - Phase 1 surveys only (suboptimal time.			Messes and lichars in April May and September only						Mosses and lichens. No other detailed plant surveys - Phase 1 surveys only (sub-optimal time.			
Hedgerow		N				Detailed habita September only	r only					Mosses and lichens. No other detailed plant surveys - Phase 1 surveys only (sub-optimal time.			
D - d	Surveys	1				Possil	sible all year with best times during Spring and Autumn/Winter								
Badgers	Mitigation	2	Artificial sett construction. No disturbance				of existing setts. Closure or disturb				or disturbance	See Jan-June			
Bats	Surveys	1	Habitat assessment and inspect			n of roosts Activity and emergence inspection of roosts			ce surveys an habitat assessment,			Habitat assessment and inspection of roosts			
	Mitigation	2			and summer roosts until mid- ition roosts from mid-March.		May.	Works on hibernation roosts only		sts only.	Works on m		aternity and roosts only		
Birds	Surveys	N	Winter	r Birds			Breeding Birds/Migrant Species			ies			Winter Birds		
	Mitigation	N	Nesting habit	at clearance		Bird n	esting season, r	sting season, no clearance of nesting habitat				Nesting	habitat clearanc	e	
Dormice	Surveys	1	Dormo	use-eaten nu	t searches (sub optimal)		Tube or nest box surveys								
Dominice							Dormouse nest searches								
	Mitigation	2	Connicing works - dormico				No coppicing works – dormice active & breeding over summer.								
	Willigation	2	Coppicing works – dormice hibernating on ground (Removal of				ppiced stools during early spring & early autumn when dormice active but young)					t not with Coppicing works – dormice hibernating on ground			
Great Crested Newts	Surveys	1	Newts in h	Newts in hibernation Netting, bottle-trapping, to egg search				8.	Terrestrial habitat surveys (not ideal meth surveys to mid-August						
			Newts in hib			Newt eDNA water sample collection						Newts in hibernation			
	Mitigation	2	No trapping, p		Trapping	Trapping / translocation in ponds and on land			Trapping/translocations on land only			No trapping, pond management only			
Otters	Surveys	1		Surve	ys can be co	nducted all year	r round although quality of survey will depend on cover of vegetation and weather conditions								
	Mitigation	2			Can be ca	rried out through	out the year a	lthough restrict	ions may apply where otters are found to b			be breeding			
Reptiles	Surveys	N	Reptiles in	hibernation		Reptile surve	ys		ile surveys (sub-optimal) – affected by weather			Reptiles in hibernation			
	Mitigation	N		at modificatio tation but no					er)			Habitat modification – cut back vegetation but no earthworks			
Water Voles	Surveys	1	Low	activity no su	ırveys possib	s possible			irveys of water course			Low activity – no surveys possible			
	Mitigation	2	Habitat m		o displace v	water voles &	Avoid eart		regetation clearance in water Habitat habitat			t modification to displace water voles & destructive search			
White-clawed crayfish	Surveys	1		Low a	tivity Surveys possible		Avoid surveys (females are releasing young)		Surveys possible (optimum ti			Low activity – no surveys			
	Mitigation	2	No capture		Exclusions can be undertaken		Avoid capture programmes		Exclusions can be undertaken			Avoid capture programmes			
Fish	Surveys	1	Timings deper	-	concerned a	nd the information	ation required. Surveys need to coincide with the breeding period of the particular species - this may be summer or								
	Mitigation	2	Protection of watercourses is required at all times but mitigation activities will need to avoid breeding season of species.												
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urvey Activities	ad		Mitigation Activities				If surveys require capture, handling or disturbance of species then only								
Optimal survey peri	lua .	-	Mitigation				-		rsons can un n involves kil			or disturban	ce of protecte	d	



Licence Requirements								
1.1	If surveys require capture, handling or disturbance of species then only licensed persons can undertake such surveys							
2	If mitigation involves killing, capture, injury and/or disturbance of protected species and/or damage, destruction or obstruction of their habitats, a development licence issued by Natural England may be required.							
N	No licence required							

The information displayed here is intended for guidance only and the exact timings of surveys will be dependent on uncontrollable factors, particularly weather conditions. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further details on survey and mitigation techniques and timings. Please be advised that applications for European Protected Species development licences may take in excess of 30 days to be processed by Natural England and must be approved before any licenced mitigation work can be undertaken. Please be advised that applications for development licences to destroy/disturb a badger sett may take in excess of 20 days to be processed by Natural England and must be approved before any licenced mitigation work can be undertaken.