

EcoÉireann's Survey Calendar

Ecological work is seasonal, very seasonal. There are time limits on a whole host of species specific surveys and this can lead to project setbacks or hold-ups until such work can be carried out.

The good news is it doesn't have to be like that. Contacting us early in the process prevents any shocks as we can plan any ecological work to be carried out all in good time.

To be extra clear on what you need we have jazzed up our survey calendar so you can see yourself what can be undertaken and when.

Save it, print it, memorise it (if you're really keen), stick it up on your wall or wherever handy so you have a good reference on when we can complete your work and therefore when to contact us.

Happy Planning.



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Phase 1 Habitats	Sub-optimal (mosses & lichens only)			Optimal						Sub-optimal (mosses & lichens only)		
Badgers	Sett & activity surveys. Optimal period Spring/Autumn											
	Artificial sett building but NO sisturbance of existing setts						Sett interference for development purposes (under licence)					As Jan - Jun
Birds	Wintering	Breeding & migrating			Breeding		Breeding & migrating			Wintering		
	As Sep - Dec	Where breeding birds may occur - no clearance							Work permitted (but must stop if breeding birds found)			
Bats	Hibernation roosts inspection		Limited	Summer roost and activitys					Limited	Hibernation roosts inspection		
			Transect activity surveys									
	Maternity roost works		Maternity roost works UP to mid-May. Hibernation roost works FROM mid-March.									Maternity roost works
Dormice	Nest searches		Limited	Cage traps & hair tubes					Nest searches			
	Limited nut searches								Nut searches			
	Limited	Clearance works										
Invertebrates	Low activity		Butterfly, damselfly & dragonfly (timing vary with species)						Low activity			
	Species dependent											
Kerry Slugs	All year, but optimum in damp and overcast conditions											
Otters	Most wffective late Autumn - early Spring											
	Mitigation year round BUT avoid disturbance of breeding otters											
Pine Martens	All year but optimal Spring/Summer. Breeding den surveys March to May.											
	Work permitted											Work permitted
Water Voles		Initial survey	Activity & field sign surveys								Initial survey	
	Habitat works (scale & method dependant)										Habitat works (scale & method dependant)	
Reptiles			Sub-optimal	Optimal			Sub-optimal		Optimal	Sub-optimal		
	Scrub clearance		Capture, translocation & scrub clearance				Scrub clearance		Capture, translocation & scrub clearance		Scrub clearance	
Natterjack Toads				Breeding surveys								
	Pond management			Land trapping of adults. Pond trapping of adults April-July.						Pond management		
Red Squirrel	Cone searches		Transect surveys			Cone searches & sub-optimal transect surveys			Transect surveys			Cone seaches
	Tree Planting		No tree clearance permitted where active dreys present							Tree planting & relocation		
Freshwater Pearl Mussel				Only during times of low flow								
White-clawed Crayfish	Sub-optimal		Torch surveys					Optimal		Sub-optimal		
	Habitat works		No disturbance					Exclusion & capture		Habitat works		
Other Aquatic Invertebrates	Sub-optimal		optimal				Sub-optimal			Optimal		Sub-optimal
	Pond works		Timings dependent on species							Pond works		
Fish	For coastal, river & stream species survey timings dependent migration pattern of species concerned											
	Mitigation for potection of watercourses NOT seasonally dependent. Mitigation for specific fish species need to be timed to avoid their breeding season.											

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Survey Sub-optimal Optimal Mitigation