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		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HABITATS	Initial site assessment (Phase 1/UK Habitat Classification)	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
	Detailed botanical surveys	Not recommended	Not recommended	Not recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Not recommended	Not recommended
GREAT CRESTED NEWT	Traditional surveys	Not recommended	Not recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
	eDNA (presence/absence only)	Not recommended	Not recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
REPTILES		Not recommended	Not recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
BIRDS	Breeding	Not recommended	Not recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
	Wintering	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
DORMOUSE		Not recommended	Not recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
BATS	Preliminary roost assessment	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
	Roost emergence/re-entry surveys	Not recommended	Not recommended	Not recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
	Activity/transect surveys	Not recommended	Not recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
	Hibernation	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
WATER VOLE		Not recommended	Not recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
OTTER		Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
BADGER		Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
INVERTEBRATES	General	Not recommended	Not recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
	White-clawed crayfish (eDNA survey)	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal

**Key:**

Surveys optimal

Surveys sub-optimal

Surveys not recommended/significant limitations

