

Ecological Mitigation Calendar

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	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
Badger	No disturbance to existing setts. Construction of artificial setts						Exclusion or destruction of existing setts*					As January to June	
Bats	Maternity or low impact roosts*		Maternity, hibernation, and low impact roosts*		Hibernation roosts or low impact roosts*				Maternity, hibernation, and low impact roosts*		Maternity or low impact roosts*		
Dormouse	Above ground vegetation clearance*			Limited works	Stump & root clearance/translocation*				Stump & root clearance/translocation*		Above ground vegetation clearance*		
Great crested newt	Pond management only*		Newt trapping and translocation* (ponds and land)				Newt trapping and translocation* (land only)				Pond management only*		
Otter	Mitigation can potentially take place throughout the year, but no works possible where otters are breeding or resting*												
Nesting birds	Vegetation clearance (some species nest all year round)		No vegetation clearance within at least 5m of nests						Vegetation clearance (some species nest all year round)				
Reptiles	Above ground vegetation clearance		Capture and translocation				Capture and translocation		Capture, translocation, & clearance	Capture, translocation, & clearance	Above ground vegetation clearance		
Vegetation / habitats	Tree/hedgerow planting & translocation		Tree/hedgerow planting & translocation		Limited opportunities during main growing season				Planting & translocation	Tree/hedgerow planting & translocation			
Water vole	Avoidance measures		Trapping and exclusion*		No works during breeding period				Trapping and exclusion*		Avoidance measures		

Optimal mitigation works period

Sub-optimal / limited mitigation works period

Mitigation not possible at this time of year

This chart provides an overview for mitigation works affecting UK protected species commonly encountered during development and should be treated as guidance only. **Site specific guidance and/or Method Statements will be required in most instances, following appropriate species surveys. Mitigation works marked with an * will likely need a licence from the appropriate government body.** Contact Wildwood Ecology early to discuss your ecological needs and timescales.
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