

# Scottish Ecological Mitigation Calendar

		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Taxa	Construction Disturbance Zone												
<b>Badger</b>	30m or 100m for noise/vibration working	<b>Breeding Season</b> - monitoring and mitigation protection plans required, may be allowed under licence if non-breeding.						Works within 30/100m including disturbance/sett destruction, under licence.					<b>Breeding Season</b>
<b>Otter</b>	30m or up to 200m for breeding	Disturbance and resting-up site destruction possible subject to licence, breeding status and approved mitigation protection plans.											
<b>Bats</b>	30m	<b>Winter Hibernation</b> - No disturbance or mitigation of hibernation roosts possible.			<b>Breeding Season</b> - No disturbance or mitigation of maternity roosts possible. Other roost work may be possible subject to approved mitigation protection plan and licence.				Disturbance and roost destruction possible subject to licence and approved mitigation protection plan.		<b>Winter Hibernation</b> - No disturbance or mitigation of hibernation roosts possible.		
<b>Wildcat</b>	200m	Consideration on an individual basis.	<b>Breeding Season</b> - No disturbance or destruction mitigation possible for breeding sites. Other den sites must be considered individually subject to licence and approved mitigation protection plan.					Consideration on an individual basis subject to licence and mitigation protection plan.					
<b>Great Crested Newt (GCN) and Natterjack Toad</b>	500m or greater depending on specific circumstances.	<b>Terrestrial Habitat Use/Hibernation</b> - specific mitigation under licence may be appropriate depending on the specific circumstances.			<b>Breeding Season</b> - no disturbance or destruction mitigation possible for breeding sites (ponds). Wider surrounding area subject to extensive mitigation protection plan under licence.				<b>Terrestrial Habitat Use/Hibernation</b> - specific mitigation under licence may be appropriate depending on the specific circumstances.				
<b>Freshwater Pearl Mussel (FWPM)</b>	500m or greater downstream/land buffer of at least 50m.	Where FWPM's occur or could be present then SNH must be consulted regarding appropriate safeguarding mitigation and method statements under licence.											
<b>Red Squirrel</b>	50m for breeding, 1 tree in winter.	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Breeding Season</b> - Disturbance and drey removal for identified non-breeding, empty dreys only. Subject to relevant mitigation protection plan under licence.								<b>Winter</b> - Disturbance and drey removal for identified empty dreys, subject to mitigation protection plan under licence.		
<b>Water Vole</b>	5-10m depending on situation.	Disturbance/destruction subject to mitigation protection plan under licence.		<b>Breeding Season</b> - Disturbance/destruction of water vole places of shelter subject to mitigation protection plan under licence.						Disturbance/destruction subject to mitigation protection plan under licence.			
<b>Pine Marten</b>	30m or 100m for breeding	Disturbance or destruction subject to mitigation protection plan under licence.		<b>Breeding Season</b> - No disturbance or destruction to breeding sites until young are independent.				Disturbance or destruction subject to mitigation protection plan under licence.					
<b>Reptiles (Adder, Slow-worm, C. Lizard)</b>	Protection fencing where appropriate.	<b>Hibernation</b> - No disturbance to hibernacula, unless isolated/mitigated previously.			<b>Active</b> - Species safeguarding can be undertaken subject to agreed method statement.						<b>Hibernation</b> - No disturbance to hibernacula, unless isolated/mitigated previously.		
<b>Birds</b>	Varies depending on species.	<b>Early Breeders</b> - species dependent.			<b>Main Breeding Season</b> - no disturbance or destruction to breeding birds.			<b>Late Breeders</b> - species dependent.		<b>Wintering</b> - most species not breeding.			

This mitigation calendar was developed to assist MBEC clients and has been based on recent project experience. MBEC accept no responsibility for any decision making based on this because it is our experience that different scales of project, decision makers and circumstances result in different conditions/agreements being acceptable. However, this table is based on project mitigation agreed mainly with SNH for work in Scotland. Anyone using this calendar as a basis for project planning/timetabling is advised to contact MBEC for bespoke advice. Note: various types of SNH issued licenses are required to carry out the ecological surveying and mitigation required.

<b>Key</b>		With specific agreed mitigation, works can normally proceed
		With specific agreed mitigation, some works can proceed within disturbance zones
		Mitigation not usually possible and no work can proceed within disturbance zones