


# Scottish Ecological Survey Calendar

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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<b>Mammals</b>	Badger								Tall vegetation can be a limitation				
	Otter				Dry weather in period prior to survey is helpful								
	Water vole												
	Bats												
	Pine Marten								Tall vegetation can be a limitation				
	Wildcat								Tall vegetation can be a limitation				
	Other Scottish Mammals			Adverse weather conditions can be a hindrance, snow can be useful for identifying and tracking mammals									
<b>Reptiles</b>													
<b>Amphibians</b>	(breeding)												
<b>Invertebrates</b>	Aquatic macro-invertebrates												
	Aquatic mussels					Low water levels enable optimal survey conditions							
	Terrestrial Invertebrates												
<b>Habitats</b>	Extended Phase 1 habitat survey												
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	National Vegetation Classification surveys												
<b>Plants</b>	Terrestrial lower plants												
	Aquatic bryophytes					Low water levels enable optimal survey conditions							
	Aquatic algae					Low water levels enable optimal survey conditions							
<b>Fungi</b>													
<b>Lichens</b>	Terrestrial lichens												
	Aquatic lichens					Low water levels enable optimal survey conditions							
<b>Birds</b>	Flight activity surveys												
	Raptor breeding surveys												
	Crossbill breeding surveys												
	Barn owl surveys												
	Woodland breeding bird surveys												
	Moorland breeding bird surveys												
	Waterbody breeding surveys												
	Wintering waterbody surveys												
	Wintering wader surveys												
	Passage bird surveys												

**KEY**

- Optimal survey period.
- Sub-optimal, but may still be acceptable depending on the habitat/species and particular environmental conditions.
- Not suitable for surveying, under the majority of circumstances.

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