

Bat Survey Timetable



N.B. These timings are for general guidance and not for specific site assessment.

| Survey Type | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Manual bat detector surveys: commuting/foraging | | | Sub-optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Sub-optimal | | |
| Manual bat detector surveys: dusk/dawn emergence/re-entry* | | | | | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Sub-optimal | Sub-optimal | | |
| Inspection of buildings and built structures for roosts** | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal |
| Mating roost/autumn swarming surveys | | | | | | | Sub-optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Sub-optimal | | |
| Winter hibernation surveys including underground sites | Optimal | Optimal | Sub-optimal | Sub-optimal | | | | | | | | Optimal |
| Tree surveys for bat roosting features (ground observation) | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Sub-optimal | Sub-optimal | Sub-optimal | Sub-optimal | Sub-optimal | Sub-optimal | Sub-optimal | Sub-optimal | Optimal |
| Tree surveys for active bats (emergence or re-entry surveys) | | | | Sub-optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Sub-optimal | | |
| Catching surveys for active (commuting/foraging) bats*** | | | | | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Sub-optimal | | |
| Radio-tracking surveys*** | | | Sub-optimal | Sub-optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Optimal | Sub-optimal | | |


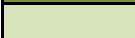

*Months shown are optimal for maternity roosts but there are other types of summer roosts for which other months outside these may also be optimal

**Although inspections of buildings can be made year round, summer roosts are more easily found during the months of May to August

***Period for catching/radio-tracking bats should avoid periods of late pregnancy/early lactation or early flying juveniles, except in exceptional circumstances

Where survey techniques involve the capture, handling or disturbance of protected species then only licensed persons can undertake surveys.

Personal survey and monitoring licences are obtained from the appropriate statutory body

-  Optimal survey period
-  Sub-optimal survey period
-  Surveys not possible