

Ecology Survey Calendar

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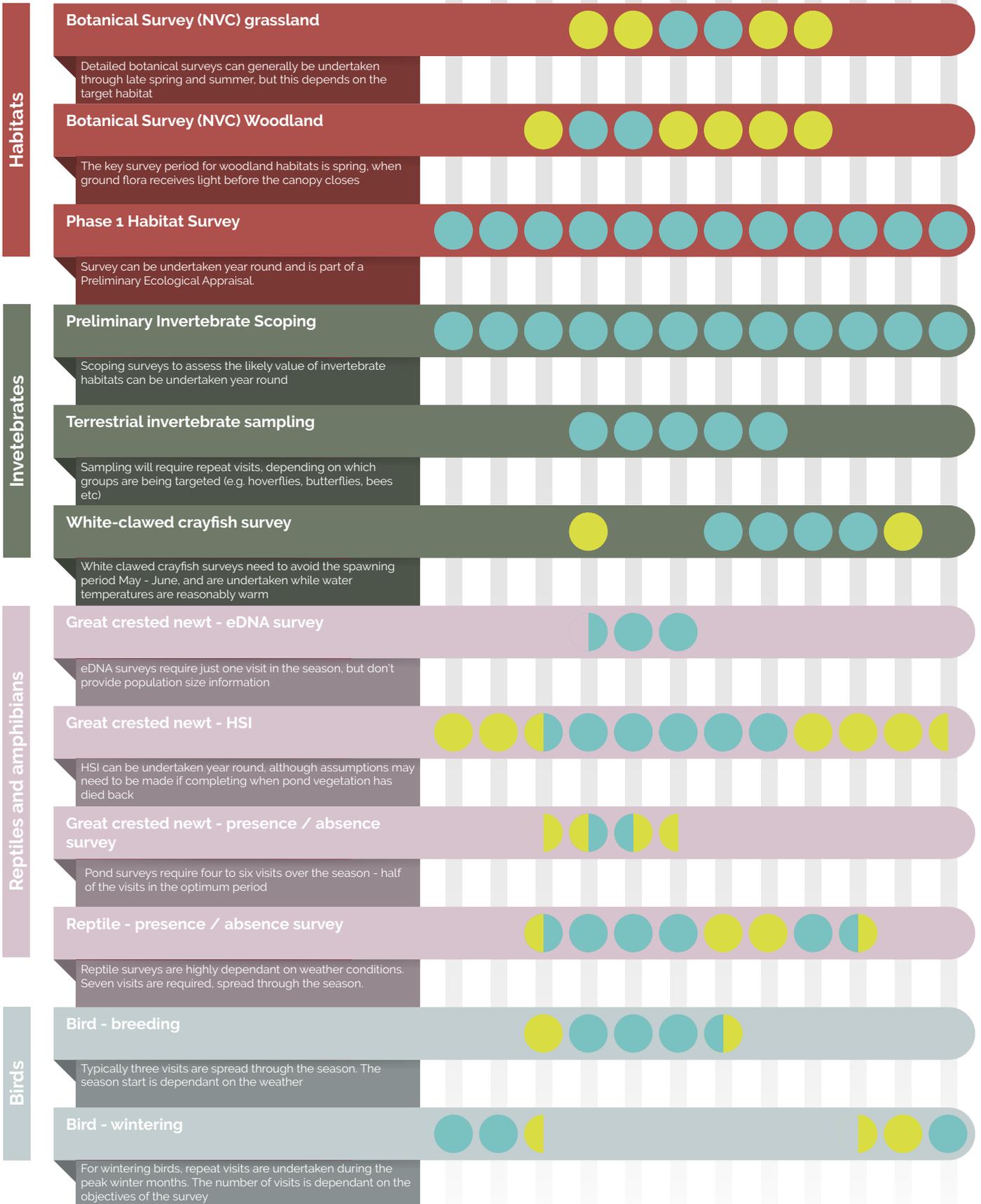
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Mammals

Badger -Bait marking

Bait marking is undertaken when badgers are marking their territories in spring or September



Badger - Search for setts and signs

Surveys for setts can be undertaken at any time of year, but for sites with dense vegetation the search can be hampered in summer



Bats - Activity Surveys (transects and passive surveys)

Surveys to record bat's use of a landscape should sample spring, summer and autumn and may need to be repeated monthly.



Bats - Aerial inspection of trees

Climbing inspections can also be undertaken at any time of the year



Bats - Emergence and return surveys

Surveys of bats leaving or entering roosts are completed in spring and summer. The number and timing depends on the PRA result.



Bats - Hibernation check

Hibernation surveys for bats are limited to the coldest months - several visits may be needed to be confident in a negative result



Bats - Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA)

Initial inspections of buildings and trees for their suitability for bats can be undertaken year round



Dormouse - Nest tube surveys

Nest tubes are put out in March and checked through the year. A scoring system is used to determine how many visits in what month are required



Dormouse - Nut search

Dormice leave a characteristic gnawing pattern on hazel nuts - the fruit can be searched from late summer, but they decay over winter



Hedgehog

Hedgehog surveys are undertaken between spring and autumn by recording their footprints in tunnels over six consecutive nights



Otter

Otter holts can be searched for throughout the year, although vegetation growth may hamper surveys in summer.



Water vole

Water vole become active from mid-April and can be surveyed through September. Dense vegetation may limit summer surveys. Two visits are usually required.



What to expect from us:

Summary results and headline issues within 24 hours of the survey. Regular updates and great communication from friendly consultants that work WITH you.