




Recommended months for different types of surveys

Survey Type	Month											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Preliminary ecological appraisal – fieldwork												
Preliminary roost assessment – structures												
Emergence/re-entry survey for maternity or summer roosts												
Emergence/re-entry survey for transitional roosts												
Emergence survey for mating roosts												
Hibernation survey – structures												
Preliminary ground level roost assessment – trees												
Potential roost feature inspection survey – trees												
Ground level bat activity survey – transects and automated/static												
Pre-, during and post-hibernation – automated/static bat activity survey												
Swarming survey												
Back-tracking survey												
Trapping survey												
Radio tagging and tracking survey												

-  optimal period
-  sub-optimal period
-  weather or location dependent (ie may not be suitable due to spring and autumn conditions in any one year or in more northerly latitudes).

Abridged from the Bat Conservation Trust's 2016 'Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists. Good Practice Guidelines' (Table 2.2)

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