

## Protected Species Surveys Information

Species	Legislation and Protection	Further Information on Surveys	Triggers for Survey (consult Aberdeenshire Council for further details)
<b>Bats</b>	European protected species under the Natural Habitats &c. Regulations 1994 Offence to injure or kill or to damage or destroy roost or place of shelter.	Aberdeenshire Council Standards for Survey Aberdeenshire Council Surveyor List Bats in buildings leaflet <a href="http://www.snh.gov.uk/search-results/?q=bats+in+buildings">http://www.snh.gov.uk/search-results/?q=bats+in+buildings</a> Bat Conservation Trust Survey Guidelines <a href="http://www.bats.org.uk">www.bats.org.uk</a>	Existing records Proposals affecting certain types of building and those close to suitable habitat (see Aberdeenshire Council Bats and Development Guidance Revised 2009)
<b>Otter</b>	European protected species under the Natural Habitats &c. Regulations 1994 Offence to injure or kill or to damage or destroy roost or place of shelter	IEEM <a href="http://www.ieem.net/mammals.asp">http://www.ieem.net/mammals.asp</a>  Chanin P (2003) Monitoring the otter Lutra lutra. Conserving Natura 2000 Rivers Monitoring Series No.10 English Nature, Peterborough <a href="http://www.snh.org.uk/publications/on-line/wildlife/otters/B359156.PDF">www.snh.org.uk/publications/on-line/wildlife/otters/B359156.PDF</a>	Existing records Works to or adjacent to water-course or water bodies.
<b>Fresh Water Pearl Mussel</b>	It is an offence, under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, to intentionally or recklessly kill, injure, take or disturb freshwater pearl mussels or to damage their habitat	SNH Freshwater Pearl Mussel Survey Protocol <a href="http://www.snh.gov.uk/docs/A372955.pdf">http://www.snh.gov.uk/docs/A372955.pdf</a>	Works affecting River Dee and tributaries (where protection is the highest) and other rivers where known to be present such as the Ythan and Deveron.
<b>Water Vole</b>	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Schedule 5 Offence to damage or destroy their resting place.	Strachan, R. and Moorhouse. T. 2006 (2nd Edition) Water Vole Conservation Handbook. Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (Wild CRU) University of Oxford.	Existing records Works to or adjacent to slow moving watercourses or ditches.
<b>Red Squirrel</b>	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Schedule 5 Offence to damage or destroy their resting place.	Practical Techniques for Surveying and Monitoring Red Squirrels. Gurnell et al. (2001) Forestry Commission Practice Note. <a href="http://www.snh.gov.uk/docs/C140683.pdf">www.snh.gov.uk/docs/C140683.pdf</a>	Existing records Works affecting woodland or trees where red squirrels likely to be present.

<b>Birds</b>	EU Birds Directive Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Schedule 1 All native birds are protected during the breeding season	Wild Birds and the Law Scotland <a href="http://www.rspb.org.uk/ourwork/policy/wildbirdslaw/birdsandlaw/index.asp">www.rspb.org.uk/ourwork/policy/wildbirdslaw/birdsandlaw/index.asp</a> IEEM <a href="http://www.ieem.net/birds.asp">http://www.ieem.net/birds.asp</a>	Existing records. Barn conversions. Works to woodlands and other feeding, roosting or nesting habi- tats. Wind farms.
<b>Reptiles</b>	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Schedule 5 protects Adder, Slow Worm, and Common Lizzard	Reptile survey <a href="http://www.froglife.org/documents/froglifeadvisesheet10.pdf">www.froglife.org/documents/froglifeadvisesheet10.pdf</a> National Reptile Survey <a href="http://www.narrs.org.uk/naturepsurvey.htm">www.narrs.org.uk/naturepsurvey.htm</a>	Existing records Quarries/rock outcrops/heath land habitats
<b>Badgers</b>	The Protection of Badgers Act (1992) Offence to kill or ill-treat a badger and to damage, destroy or obstruct access to a sett.	Scottish Natural Heritage, 2003. Best Practice Guidance – Badger Surveys. Inverness Badger Survey 2003. Commissioned Report No. 096. <a href="http://www.snh.gov.uk/search-results/?q=BADGER+SURVEYS">http://www.snh.gov.uk/search-results/?q=BADGER+SURVEYS</a>	Existing records Scrub and woodland where culti- vated land nearby
<b>Pine Marten</b>	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Schedule 5 Offence to damage or destroy their resting place.	The Vincent Wildlife Trust Pine Marten website <a href="http://www.pinemarten.info/survey.php">www.pinemarten.info/survey.php</a>	Large woodland and forestry areas
<b>Wildcat</b>	European protected species under the Natural Habitats &c. Regulations 1994 Offence to injure or kill or to damage or destroy roost or place of shelter	Easterbee et al (1991) Survey of the status and distribution of the wildcat in Scotland 1983-87. Nature Conservancy Council for Scot- land, Edinburgh. SNH Commissioned Report 360, Scottish Wildcat Survey 2006-8.	Large woodland and forestry areas