

PROTECTED SPECIES SURVEYS

Species	Legislation and Protection	Further Information on Surveys	Triggers for Survey <i>(consult Aberdeenshire Council for further details)</i>
Bats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bats in buildings (link) • Bat Conservation Trust Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists, Good Practice Guidelines 3rd Edition. Bats and Buildings (pdf) – can be downloaded from page below www.bats.org.uk/pages/batsurveyguide.html 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing records • Proposals affecting certain types of building and those close to suitable habitat (see Aberdeenshire Council Bats and Development Guidance www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/19594/2015_07-bats-and-development.pdf)
Otter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNH Species Planning Advice - Otter www.nature.scot/species-planning-advice-otter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing records • Works in or within 200m of a watercourse or water bodies.
Fresh Water Pearl Mussel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNH Freshwater Pearl Mussel Survey Protocol (link) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works affecting the River Dee and its tributaries and some stretches of the Rivers Don and Deveron.
Water Vole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Schedule 5 • Offence to damage or destroy their resting place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strachan, R. and Moorhouse, T. 2006 (2nd Edition) Water Vole Conservation Handbook. Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (Wild CRU) University of Oxford. • SNH Planning Advice - Water vole www.nature.scot/species-planning-advice-water-vole 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing records • Works to or adjacent to slow moving watercourses or ditches.

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Red Squirrel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Schedule 5 Offence to damage or destroy their resting place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical Techniques for Surveying and Monitoring Red Squirrels. Gurnell et al. (2009) Forestry Commission Practice Note (link) SNH Planning Advice - Red squirrel www.nature.scot/species-planning-advice-red-squirrel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing records Works affecting woodland or trees where red squirrels likely to be present.
Birds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU Birds Directive Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Schedule 1 All native birds are protected during the breeding season 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wild Birds and the Law: Scotland – a plain guide to bird protection (pdf 573kb) CIEEM Bird Survey Methodology www.cieem.net/birds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing records Barn conversions Works to woodlands and other feeding, roosting or nesting habitats Wind farms
Reptiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Schedule 5 protects Adder, Slow Worm, and Common Lizard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Froglife Reptile Survey (pdf) National Reptile Survey www.narrs.org.uk/survey.php 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing records Quarries/rock outcrops/heath land habitats
Badgers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Protection of Badgers Act (1992) Offence to kill or ill-treat a badger and to damage, destroy or obstruct access to a sett 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SNH Planning Advice - Badger www.nature.scot/species-planning-advice-badger 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing records Scrub and woodland where cultivated land nearby
Pine Marten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Schedule 5 Offence to damage or destroy their resting place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SNH Planning Advice - Pine marten www.nature.scot/species-planning-advice-pine-marten 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development in or adjacent to woodland and forestry habitats
Wildcat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SNH Planning Advice - Wildcat www.nature.scot/species-planning-advice-wildcat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development in or adjacent to woodland and forestry, scrub or heathland edge