

# JAMES BLAKE

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## James Blake Associates' RITES of Passage in Ecology

**So you need an ecology consultant to help achieve Planning? Biodiversity Net Gain? Or to comply with UK Wildlife Legislation?**

It's the nature of the beast and at James Blake Associates, we do it better.

- R** Reduce your risk, ecological compliance assured without unnecessary survey costs for very low risk species presence
- I** Increase your profit by reduced cost and delays with our agile and cost effective solutions
- T** Time-saving: our commitment to you to ensure resolution within species' seasonal window avoiding delays
- E** Expense: cost effective fees and methodologies to achieve the required compliance at lowest possible cost
- S** Stress-free: a team you can trust to deliver a helpful, hassle-free service and result

**James Blake Associates' Head of Ecology, Samantha Rigg, explains:**

“We saved our client a major 6-month delay on site with our rapid translocation of reptiles and dealing with badger sett closures just before the legal seasonal deadline hit which would have closed the site down for months! Don't miss early warning signs or seasonal deadlines that stop or stall your development. Clients can leave the detail and programme to us and together we achieve the results you need.”

Call our ecology consultants today for our range of surveys on offer all over the UK

Get ahead of the game for planning as the new ecology season is now upon us, there's newt excuse!

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**Landscape Design & Planning • Ecology • Biodiversity Net Gain • Arboriculture • Land adoption • Weed eradication**

## ECOLOGY SURVEYING CALENDAR

Optional	Sub-optimal	No survey
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	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Badger		1x survey during optional										
Bat Roost Assessment	1x survey during optional											
Bat Activity/Emergence	Hibernation surveys only			Activity Only	Surveys spread throughout the optimal period					Activity Only	Hibernation surveys only	
Breeding Bird			4 x surveys									
Wintering Bird	2 x surveys									2 x surveys		
Botanical												
Dormouse				Nest box tube surveys								Nut search only
PEA*				1 x Survey								
Great Crested Newt			4 x surveys minimum; 6 x surveys if GCN are present**		eDNA mid-April to jUNE							
Invertebrate					3 x surveys (Spring, Summer and Autumn)							
Otter												
Red Squirrel	Visual surveys			Hair tube surveys								Visual surveys
Reptile				7 x surveys completed between 10°C and 21°C								
Water Vole	Burrow survey only	Habitat assessment		2 x surveys required: first - April to June ; second - July to September						Habitat assessment		Burrow survey only
White-Clawed Crayfish	Habitat assessment			Weather dependent			1 x survey				Habitat assessment	

\* Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA)

\*\* Half of total surveys required between mid-April and mid-May