

The background of the slide is a photograph of railway tracks, heavily blurred to create a sense of motion. The tracks recede into the distance, and the overall color palette is dominated by dark blues and greys.

Protected Species

Environmental Library

Why should you care?

- Protected species are protected by **LAW** and are found fairly abundantly along railway corridors
 - Individuals as well as organisations can face **prosecution if these are illegally disturbed or killed**
 - In some cases, habitats of protected species are also protected, even when the species are absent
 - **Fines** as well as **prison** terms can be imposed
 - Your employer and Network Rails **reputation is at risk**
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Types of Protected Species

Great crested newts



Nesting birds



All reptiles



Badgers



Types of Protected Species



Bats



Dormouse



Otter



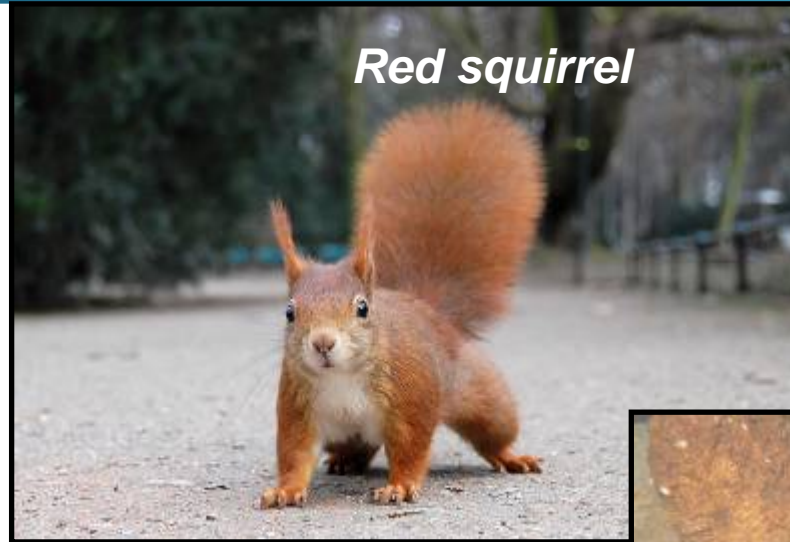
Stag beetle

Types of Protected Species

Water voles



Red squirrel



Crayfish



Natterjack toad



Management Controls

- **Protected species considered as part of the risk assessment process**
- **Mitigated out where possible**
 - Works outside sensitive seasons
 - Change location/method of work
- **Control measures in the WPP and task briefings**
 - Conditions of licenses
 - Exclusion zones
 - Restricted working hours



What do I need to do?

Follow control measures set out in the WPP
and your task briefing

But, if you find a protected species while
working...

STOP WORK IMMEDIATELY

and tell your supervisor