

BATWEEK

October 25-31



We are upside down!
You should be too!

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Flip your profile
picture to support
bats!

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Gambian epauletted fruit bat
Epomophorus gambianus

Photo: Merlin D. Tuttle

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Bats are the only mammal that can truly fly.
A bat's wing structure is actually a modified
hand.

MORE
THAN
700

FLOWERS
ARE POLLINATED
BY BATS AROUND
THE WORLD

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African long-tongued fruit bat
Megaloglossus woermanni

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LET'S SET A WORLD RECORD!



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Bat Week is an annual, international block of programs and media appearances designed to draw attention to bats. Bat Week is organized by the Bat Week team, comprised of representatives from Bat Conservation International, the Organization for Bat Conservation, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife Acoustics, Lubee Bat Conservancy and the Save Lucy Campaign.

Ready For A Challenge?

Bat Week 2015 is coming soon and we invite you to join us in celebrating the importance of bats. With your help, we will set a World Record for The Most Bat Houses Built in a Day—a fun way to get the community active in conservation and to give bats healthy, safe homes.

The Epic Equation

On October 31, 2015 join us in our goal to build a record of 5,000 bat houses in the USA and Canada all in one day!

$$(\text{bat} + \text{house}) * 5000 = \text{WIN}$$

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Let's Get Started

1

The Bat Week Team will provide helpful info on promoting and hosting an event and how to build bat houses

2

Bat houses can be made from assembly kits (available at wholesale cost) or by using free, downloadable designs

3

Completed bat houses are yours to donate or keep; feel free to show them off to friends and family!

4

Sign up as a host site. To learn how, log on to batweek.org for more information.



Because most of our bats in the U.S. only have **one** baby a year, they need a safe, warm place to raise them. Bat houses can provide a home for hundreds of bats!



Bat numbers in the United States and Canada have declined dramatically as a new disease, White-Nose Syndrome (WNS), has killed over six million bats in just eight years.



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Seven bat species in 26 US states and 5 Canadian provinces have been diagnosed with White-nose syndrome.

Our bats need our help!

Little brown myotis
Myotis lucifugus

Photo: Michael Schirmer

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Battle for Bats
The WNS Tragedy

Learn more about White
Nose Syndrome – the disease
that has killed over 6 million
bats in 6 years:

“Battle for Bats” Film

<http://vimeo.com/76705033>

The northern long-eared bat is federally listed as a threatened species due primarily to the deadly disease, White-Nose Syndrome.





In the United States, bats are our most important natural predators of night-flying insects, including mosquitos.



Did you know that the pallid bat western North America is immune to the stings of the scorpions and centipedes on which it feeds?





While many people know that birds and bees are important pollinators, few know that bats are too. In fact, over 500 plant species rely, on bats to pollinate their flowers.



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BATS HAVE BEEN POLLINATING
BANANAS FOR OVER

50

MILLION YEARS



Straw-colored fruit bat
Eidolon helvum

Photo: Steve Gettle

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Worldwide, there are more than 1,300 species of bats, that's almost 20 percent of all mammal species!



BATS INGEST AND DISPERSE
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NIGHT



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Peters' dwarf epauletted fruit bat
Micropteropus pusillus

Photo: Merlin D. Tuttle

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bats and share your
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<http://batslive.pwnet.org/edubat/index.php>

