

A photograph showing three small, pinkish bat pups resting on a dark, diamond-patterned mesh surface. The pups are oriented vertically, with their heads at the top. They have small, rounded bodies and visible ears.

Bats usually have one baby once a year. Some bats have twins. Bat babies typically weigh about 25% of an adult at birth. If humans were to have babies that big, newborn humans would be the size of a toddler!

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Evening Bat



One insect-eating bat consumes about 2,000 to 6,000 insects each night. If you could eat as much as a bat, you would eat a stack of pizzas as tall as you are for dinner!

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Most bats live in large groups. You can find them in dead trees, caves, bat houses, buildings, rock crevices, and the underside of bridges. Bracken Cave in Texas houses a colony of about 25 million Mexican Free-tailed bats!

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Bats live a very long time. Most bats live between 10 and 20 years. Some bats typically live to be 30 years old. The oldest known bat was recently recaptured in Europe at 41 years old!

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The largest bat in the world is the Malayan Flying Fox. It weighs 2 pounds and has up to a 6-foot wingspan! Fruit-eating bats with large eyes are called mega-bats or flying foxes, because their faces look like the face of a dog. All mega-bats live in Africa, Asia, or Australia and consume only fruit and nectar.

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There are 1,300 different species of bats in the world, making up about a quarter of all mammals. If you lined up all the mammals in the world, every fourth animal would be a bat!

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Some species
of bats can fly
more than 50
miles per hour.
That's almost
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