

BUSTED!

BUSTING BAT MYTHS



“Bats are Blind”

Bats are not blind, many have good vision. They also have *echolocation* which allows them to see at night!



“All Bats Suck Blood”

Out of 1,469 species, only 3 species of bats drink the blood of other animals for food.



“Bats Have Rabies”

You are more likely to get rabies from a dog or a cat. Only 1% of bats are infected with rabies.



“Bats are Pests”

Bats are vital to the ecosystem that they are in. They spread seeds, pollinate flowers, and eat insects.



“Bats are Bad Luck”

Other events like seeing an owl or black cat are associated with bad luck. These are all superstitions not based on fact.



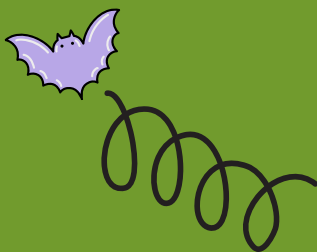
“Bats Destroy Houses”

Bats don't chew through walls or wood like rats do. Instead, they prefer to use existing holes and crevices as roosts.



“Bats are Useless”

Bats regenerate forests, contribute to pollination, distribute seeds, and are natural pest controllers.



YOUTH CAMPS

Join us on our youth camps where you'll learn more about bats, birds, turtles and much more!



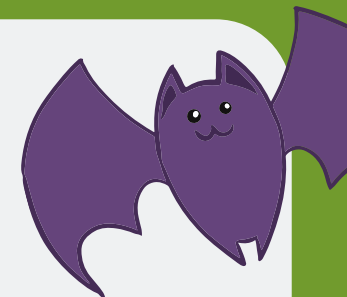
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BAT BASICS

All about our flying friends!



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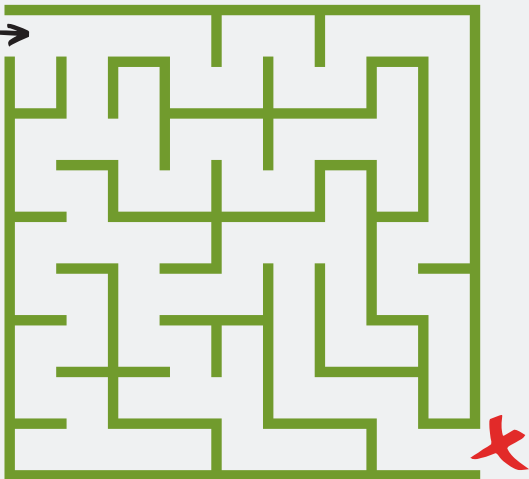


COME VISIT!

Discover the wonderful world of bats at T.R.E.E.S where we gently capture bats to learn more about them up close. We identify their species and gather important data like weight, length, and even if they're expecting babies! This helps us understand how bats are affected by changes in seasons, climate, and even the phases of the moon.



Curious to learn more? Swing by our field station along the Hummingbird Highway, just 27.5 miles from Stann Creek.



Bat Facts!

Small ears, big eyes, little nose, big ears, long tongue, white fur, black fur... bats come in all forms and sizes, all those differences give them special skills to catch insects and detect fruits or nectar that they eat.



There are 1469 species of bats, each one of them doing an amazing job at keeping their habitat alive and well. In Belize alone, there are about 75 different species of bats!



A Bat's Life

A bat's life begins inside its mother's belly, where it stays for 3 to 6 months! Each mother bat usually has only one or two baby bats, called **pups**, each year. When they are born, they either stay together in a **nursery** or cling to their mother while she looks for insects and fruits. After 6 to 8 weeks, the pups are strong enough to take their first flight and search for food on their own, without needing to drink their mother's milk anymore.

Bats live a long time for such small creatures, with most species living 20 - 30 years. The oldest bat ever found was 60 years old!

