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Hoary Bat

Visit [www.albertabats.ca](http://www.albertabats.ca) for the following:

- Information about Alberta's bats
- How to manage bats in buildings
- Information on how to build and install bat houses
- Information on bat habitat enhancement in your community
- What to do if you find a bat
- Educational resources
- A Citizen Science program to report and monitor bat colonies
- Upcoming bat events
- Links to our social media pages

## About the program

### What we do

The Alberta Community Bat Program's mission is to raise awareness of bat conservation issues, help local residents manage bats in buildings, and to collect data needed to monitor and better understand bats in the province.

### Who we are

We are a project of Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Canada, which is a registered charity in Canada. There are several partner organizations, community coordinators and many volunteers who make this program possible.

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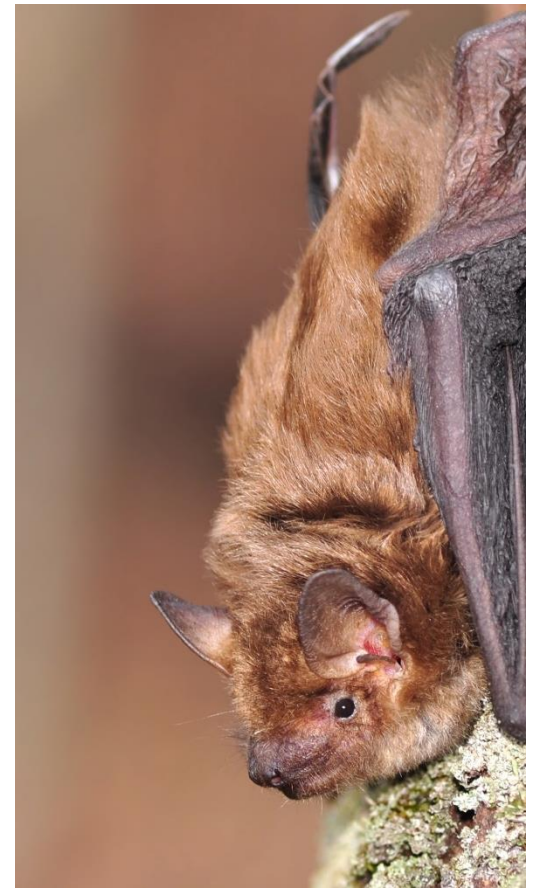
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## Alberta bats

There are at least 9 species of bats in Alberta. All are small, eat insects, and use echolocation.

In the summer, bats roost in old trees (in cavities and under bark), rock crevices, coulees and buildings. Maternity colonies, where females raise their pups, are especially important and often found in buildings.

In the winter, most species hibernate in Alberta, and some migrate south.



Little Brown Myotis maternity colony

Photo by Cory Olson



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## Bats are in trouble

Bats face several threats, including habitat loss, fatalities at wind turbines, and persecution. White-nose syndrome, a fungal disease that has killed millions of bats in eastern North America, is spreading west.

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*Bats are beneficial –  
they eat mosquitos and  
farm and forest pests!*

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## Bats need help

We need to learn more about Alberta's bats and protect maternity colonies, hibernation sites, and other habitat.

## How you can help

- Learn about bats and tell your family and friends that bats are important
- Conserve or create bat habitat on your property
- Build a bat house
- Be a Citizen Scientist – report and monitor bat colonies
- Do not disturb hibernating bats



Rocket box (L) and multi-chamber bat house (R)

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## Bats in a building?

We can help. Many people enjoy having bats nearby, but usually don't want them living in close quarters. Details about how and when to safely evict bats are on our website. We also have suggestions on how to protect and enhance existing roosting habitat, or create new roosts for your local bat colony.

## Did you know?

- *Bats typically have only one pup per year, so it takes a long time for populations to recover*
- *One little brown bat in Alberta lived to be at least 39 years old!*
- *Bats are not blind*
- *Less than 1% of bats have rabies, and they only bite in self-defense - so there is no need to fear bats if they are left alone and not handled.*