

All About Bats

Do you know how many different kinds of bats there are? There are about 1 000 different kinds of bats. Bats are grouped into two main groups - Megabats and the Microbats.

Where do bats live?

Bats live everywhere except Antarctica. Where winters are cold, bats either find a safe place to sleep through the winter, or they fly to a warmer climate.

What kinds of homes do bats have?

Bats like to live in dark places like caves. Bats are nocturnal which means they sleep during the day and are active at night.

What do bats eat?

Some bats eat fruit. These bats are called fruit bats. Some bats eat nectar from flowers and some bats eat bugs and insects.

How do bats fly in the dark without crashing into things?

Bats are very good at hearing echoes - they make noises and listen for the sound to bounce back. They listen for the echo. When they hear the echo, they can tell where an object is, how big or little it is, and how far away it is. They can tell if the object is moving and they can tell what direction it is going. This is called echolocation. Echolocation is using sounds and their echoes to locate objects.



Did you know...
A bat is the only mammal that can fly!