

BAT APPRECIATION DAY

APRIL 17, 2021

WHY BATS MATTER: 3 FACTS

1. BATS ARE NATURAL PEST CONTROLLERS.

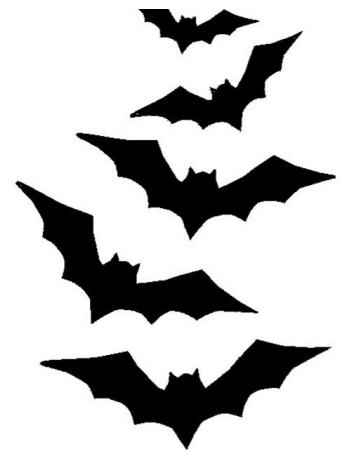
Bats are natural insect control for us and farmers. They eat thousands of mosquitos and other insects. Bats protect our food sources and saves billions of dollars in insecticides.

2. BATS ARE NATURAL POLLENATORS.

Over 900 species of plants and flowers rely on bats for pollination like bananas and mangos.

3. TROPICAL BATS SEED FORRESTS.

Bats spread seeds though the tropical forrests to encourage regrowth. Especially after forrests are cleared.



READ ANY OF THESE BOOKS **IN APRIL** AND GET A LITTLE BROWN BAT PIN.

Activity

- Bats at the Library-Brian Lies
- Bats in the Band-Brian Lies
- Stellaluna-Janelle Cannon
- Bats in the Dark-D. Gonzalas
- Fly Guy Presents: Bats

SAVING BATS

You can help save bats by doing the following:

Do not spread false or mythcial information about bats that contribute to causing them harm.

FACTS:

- Bats **do not** suck your blood.
- Bats **do not** nest in your hair.
- All bats **are not** blind.
- All bats **do not** have rabies.

New York's Little Brown Bats

Bats are covered in a coat of silky cinnamon and dark brown hair with pale grey underneath. They have black hand-like wings.

Never disturb hibernating bats. NY bat populations are severely threatened by White Nose Syndrome which can be spread to their cave by humans.

MAKE A BAT NECKLACE!

Activity

- Reserve your Bat Necklace Craft Kit during the week of **April 12-17th.**



RESOURCES:

Bat Conservation International. (2021, February 18). Bat Conservation International / Ending Bat Extinctions Worldwide. <https://www.batcon.org/>

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