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## Sign Up for a Workshop



Sharpen your skills and learn new ones at a Bat Conservation International field-training workshop next summer. The 2010 schedule for the six-day, five-night workshops includes sessions in Arizona, California and Pennsylvania.

These popular workshops are designed for professional biologists, wildlife and land managers, educators, consultants and serious bat aficionados. More than 1,500 participants from around the United States, Canada and 21 other nations have attended BCI workshops since 1991. Many used their workshop experience to help them become leaders in bat research and conservation.

Register online at [www.batcon.org/workshops](http://www.batcon.org/workshops).

The Bat Conservation and Management Workshops blend lectures, discussions and field trips with hands-on experience using mist nets, harp traps, radiotracking gear and bat detectors. BCI biologists, local colleagues and regional experts, each working with five or fewer students, teach advanced capture techniques, safe and humane bat-handling and species identification. Lectures cover habitat assessment, conservation challenges, management, conflict resolution and much more.

A BCI Acoustic Monitoring Workshop, **August 5-10** in northern California, provides direct experience with cutting-edge technologies. Working with key software developers Chris Corben (AnaBat/AnaLook) and Joe Szewczak (SonoBat) students learn techniques for collecting, recording and analyzing bat calls in the field. This session covers heterodyne, frequency-division, time-expansion and direct-recording techniques, as well as the design of effective acoustic-inventory projects.

Bat Conservation and Management Workshop details:

### **Arizona: May 28-June 2 and June 3-8**

Arizona's Chiricahua Mountains, where landscapes range from deserts to high-country forests, offer a biodiversity unequalled anywhere else in North America. You can expect to capture and examine as many as 18 bat species. Then you can watch endangered Mexican long-nosed bats visit hummingbird feeders outside the door of your lodging at the American Museum of Natural History's famous Southwestern Research Station.

### **California: July 30-August 4**

The unique lava formations of Lava Beds National Monument in northern California offer an outstanding opportunity to understand how varied cave environments affect where bats roost. Mist nets and harp traps set at ice-cave entrances, over water resources, wet meadows and in mixed pine forests should provide bats of up to 14 species, including Townsend's big-eared bat, for identification and observation in this dramatic landscape.

### **Pennsylvania: August 27-September 1**

Bats and people have long shared the rolling farmlands of central Pennsylvania, a leading center of artificial-roost development. This workshop includes a focus on resolving bat/human conflicts, as well as an examination of White-nose Syndrome. Bats here have colonized many barns, attics and abandoned structures. We will visit an old church that's a sanctuary for 20,000 little brown myotis. Netting over trout streams and beaver ponds, we will

examine up to eight species of bats as we visit both summer and winter habitats.

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