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Fruit bats, also known as flying foxes, are vital seed- dispersers in many parts of Africa (story, page 8). Yet these gentle animals are persecuted as nuisances and many populations are declining. Because most produce only one pup each year, recovery from decimated populations is slow. This Gambian epauleted bat (*Epomophorus gambianus*) mother carries her nursing young as she flies out to feed at night.

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