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The California leaf-nosed bat (*Macrotus californicus*) is the only bat in the United States to have large ears and a nose leaf. It is also one of the most maneuverable in flight. With short, broad wings, it can fly at low speeds using minimal energy. It typically hunts within a few feet of the ground using its superior eyesight to search for insects to glean from foliage. For more about this bat, see article, page 5.

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