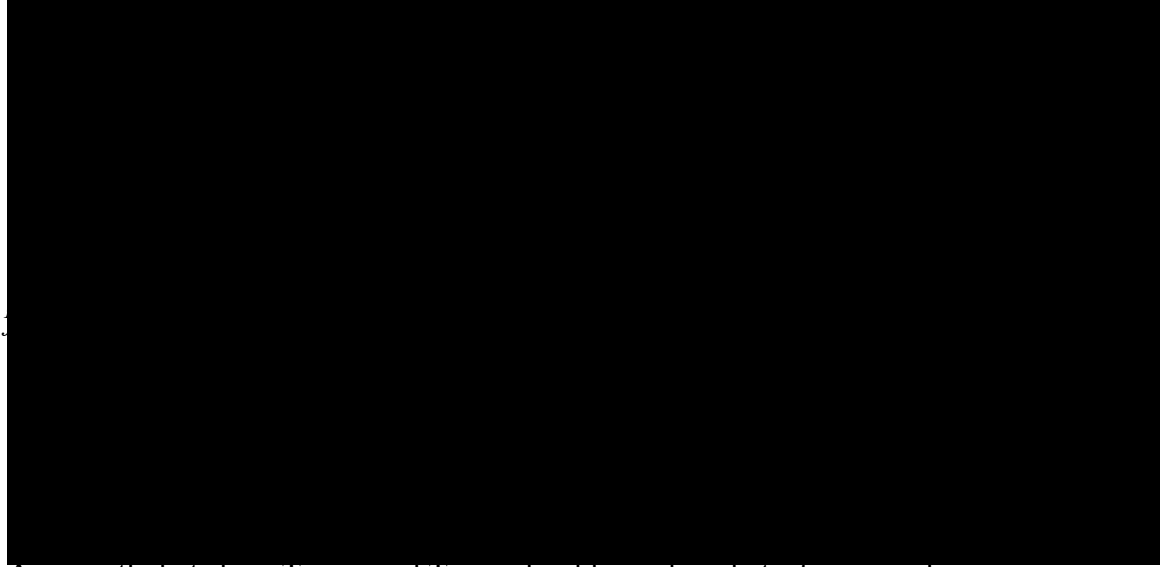


Mexican free-tailed bat (*Tadarida brasiliensis*), ©Merlin D. Tuttle



Apparently bats love Texas, and Texas should sure love bats, for several reasons.

Texas' tens of millions of insect-eating bats save state agriculture tens of millions of dollars every year in reduced crop damage.

In the past, the tons of guano from Texas bats were so important as a source of fertilizer and black powder that guarded important bat caves.

San Antonio Bat Fest 2012 will culminate in a free public symposium at Trinity University on Oct. 14th, 1-5pm with speaker Dr. Merlin Tuttle. Registration highly recommended. Register [here](#).

Calendar of Events

October 6, Saturday

Sea World San Antonio

7:00 am, Run for the Fund, which supports Bat Conservation International (BCI)

8:00 am – noon, bat crafts and activities for Run for the Fund participants

Noon – 11:00 pm, bat crafts and activities at Conservation Center

7:45 – 8:30 pm, guided Bat Walks with ultrasonic bat detectors

Government Canyon State Natural Area

9 am – 4 pm, Discovery Station, crafts, and activities to explore on your own.

Old Tunnel Wildlife Area

10:30 am – noon, "Bat Basics" presented by Nyta Brown

Freetail Brewing Company

1 – 4 pm, Enter a raffle to win a [private evening](#) for 30 people to view the emergence of millions of bats at [Br](#)

Certified bat house and BCI bat videos! Enter a raffle to win a BCI Certified bat house and BCI bat videos

1:00 pm, Release of "2012 Year of the Bat Brew" special limited edition; proceeds from sales of bottles of this support Bat Conservation International

2:00 pm, "Why Care about Bats?" by James Eggers, Director of Education, Bat Conservation International

4:00 pm, raffle drawing, proceeds will support Bat Conservation International

San Antonio Zoo

1:30 – 3:00 pm, Singing zoologist, animal presentations, crafts, and activities

Oct. 7, Sunday

Bracken Ridge Park, Koehler Pavilion.

6:30 – 8:30 pm, Enter a raffle to win a [private evening](#) for 30 people to view the emergence of millions of bats [Cave](#) and a BCI Certified bat house!

7:00 pm, Free bat house building workshop by Reggie Regan, Lone Star Woodcraft

7:30 pm, Free "Bats of Central Texas" presentation, Jessica Alderson, Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.

8:00 pm, Free "bat walk" with bat detectors, Texas Master Naturalists, Bexar County Chapter

Government Canyon State Natural Area

9 am – 4 pm, Discovery Station, crafts, and activities to explore on your own.

Oct. 9, Tuesday

San Antonio Zoo

7:00 – 9:00 pm, Bat Walks. Dr. David Ribble, Chair of Biology Department, Trinity University, will use bat detectors to walk through the Zoo.

Oct. 12, 13, 19, 27

San Antonio Zoo. Bat Classes, for various ages, see www.sazoo.org/education

Oct. 13, Saturday

Government Canyon State Natural Area

9 am – 4 pm, Discovery Station, crafts, and activities

Medina River Natural Area (City of San Antonio)

9 am – noon, Fall Fest will have a bat education table, and a variety of other wildlife tables and activities

San Antonio Zoo

10 am – 2 pm, Bat Day will include activities throughout the zoo

Bracken Ridge Park, Joskes Pavilion

6:30 – 8:30pm, Enter a raffle to win a [private evening](#) for 30 people to view the emergence of millions of bats and a BCI Certified bat house!

7:00, Free bat house building workshop by Reggie Regan, Lone Star Woodcraft

7:30 pm, Free "Bats of Central Texas presentation", Judit Green, Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.

8:00, Free "bat walk" with bat detectors, Texas Master Naturalists, Bexar County Chapter

Oct. 14, Sunday

Government Canyon State Natural Area

9 am – 4 pm, Discovery Station, crafts, and activities

BAT SYMPOSIUM, 1:00 – 5:00 pm (Free and open to the public)

Registration highly recommended. [Register here](#) for San Antonio Bat Fest Symposium at Trinity University's

Many of the state's leading [bat experts will present on a variety of topics](#), on a level for the general public.

Noon – 12:45 pm, meet live bats and enter a raffle to win a [private evening](#) for 30 people to view the emergence at [Bracken Bat Cave](#), a San Antonio Zoo family membership, a copy of [Bats of Texas](#) autographed by the author (speaker, Dr. Loren Ammerman), a set of four different BCI bat DVDs, and two BCI Certified bat house!

1:00 – 5:00 pm, Symposium speaker presentations

5:05 pm, raffle drawing

5:30 – 6:30 pm, Reception with the symposium speakers for **BCI Members ONLY**. Registration Required. **L** members may register for the reception [here](#). To become a BCI member visit [here](#).

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