



Year of the Bat
2011-2012

Takes Flight!



Join the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (EUROBATS) in celebrating the Year of the Bat.

- Echolocation, hibernation and sleeping upside down are just some of the unsung talents of bats.
- Pollination, seed dispersal and insect control are the underestimated eco-services bats provide.
- From forests to grasslands, deserts to cities, north to south, over 1200 species of bats help maintain biodiversity and replenish eco-systems worldwide.
- Mysterious and misunderstood, the world's only flying mammals bring us delicious fruits, useful products and life-saving medicines.
- Bats are essential to our global environment and well-being. Yet over one fifth of all bat species are threatened.

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- Southeast Asia's miniscule Bumblebee Bat is the smallest mammal on earth.
- The rare Giant Golden-Crowned Flying Fox, with a wingspan of 1.5 m/5 ft, is the world's largest bat.
- North America's Little Brown Bat, once common from Alaska to northern Mexico, is being decimated by the wildlife health crisis White-Nose Syndrome.
- Europe's rare Bechstein's Bat is considered a flagship species for the protection of entire woodland habitats.
- Africa's greatest mammal migration involves 8 million straw-coloured fruit bats that travel over 2000km/1250mi per year.
- Latin America's vampire bats are defying their fictitious and mythical reputation - a new drug synthesized from vampire bat saliva may greatly improve treatment of stroke victims.



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