

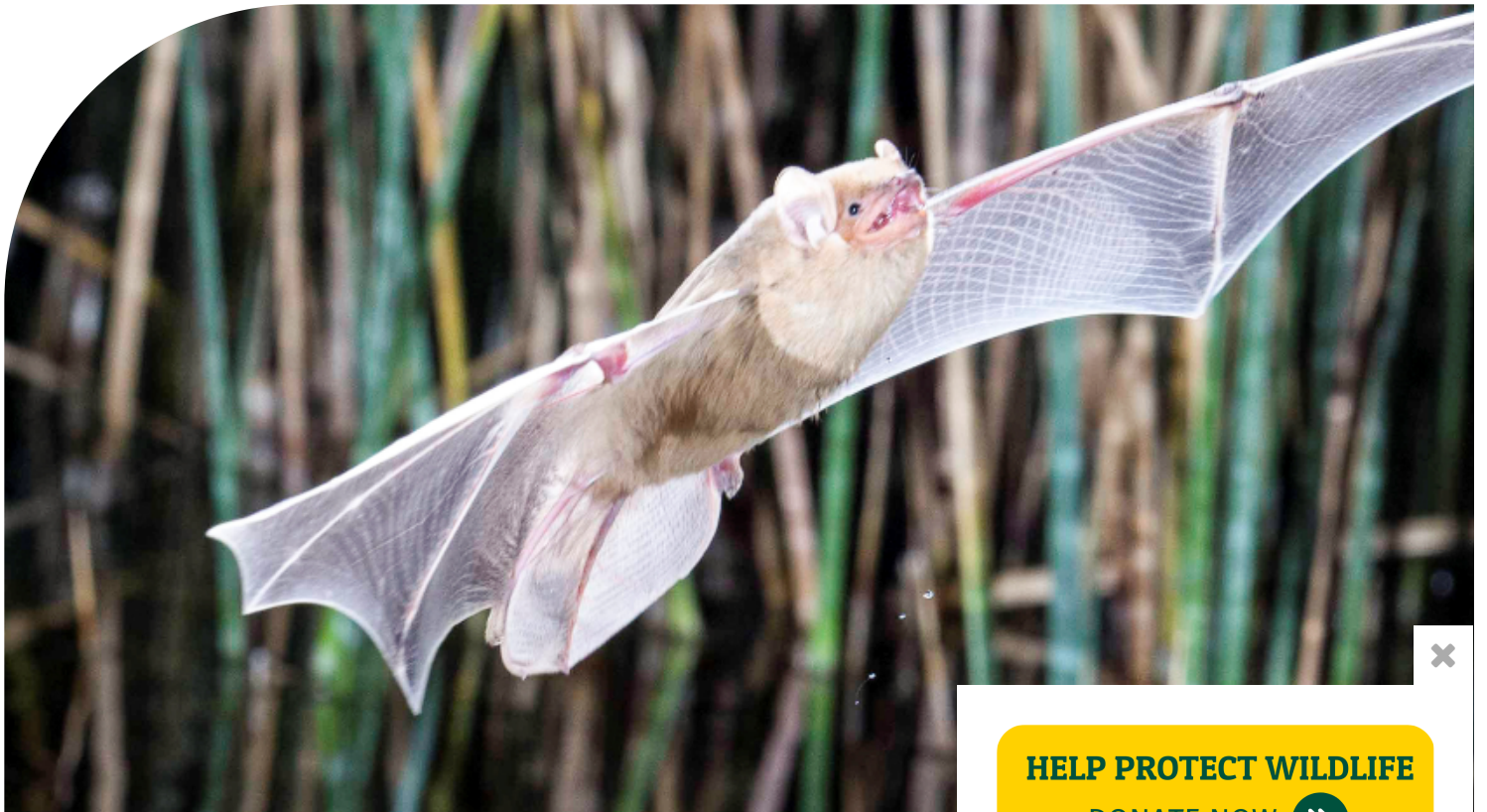


CONSERVATION

'Trick or Treat' for Bats

Pass the Recovering America's Wildlife Act

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"Everything's impossible until someone

– Batman

Swooping and scattering in the darkening sky, bats are the superheroes that protect us while we sleep—they snap up tons of mosquitoes and crop-damaging insects. Others pollinate blooming flowers and spread fruit seeds.

Consider this: without fruit-eating animals like bats dispersing cacao seeds, we'd have no chocolate for Halloween trick-or-treaters!

But bats are in deep trouble. Decimated by disease and habitat loss, they need us to come to the rescue.

Here's what you can do: Support the **Recovering America's Wildlife Act**. The bipartisan bill funds state-led efforts to help bats and many other wildlife at risk. **Without action today, we will not have options tomorrow. Extinction is forever. [Please go to bat for bats!](#)**

TAKE ACTION! →

White-nose Syndrome—stop the spread & find a cure

A deadly fungal disease called white-nose syndrome has killed millions of hibernating bats in North America. In some caves, all bats have died.

To save our crashing bat populations, [many partners](#) are taking heroic actions that would even Batman proud. After all, he's the superhero who said, "I have one power. I never ✕ ;

The **Recovering America's Wildlife Act** will kick in the need for their efforts to recover wildlife and carry out action plans to lose. To date, the disease is confirmed in 33 states and east of the Continental Divide). In 2016, white-nose syndrome was found 100 miles from the nearest location it had previously been recorded.

Twelve of North America's 47 bat species are confirmed to be the hardest-hit species are the northern long-eared bat, little



there's no cure for the deadly fungus first found in New York caves and likely introduced people who had visited caves in Europe.

With critical and reliable dollars in place, scientists can speed up their promising research keep bats safe from the fungus that causes bats to wake up from hibernation, use up energy and starve. States can protect more caves where bats hibernate. Disturbing even healthy winter is harmful for their survival.

Bat Power



We can help bats recover and return to their superhero full capacity.

Give bats a fighting chance, and these [fantastic flying mammals](#) return to full capacity. That means helping them on all fronts. While affected by white-nose syndrome, they face dangers from collisions with improperly-sited wind turbines.

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This is your chance to celebrate Bat Week and lend a hand. At home, you can build bat boxes, save dead trees that can serve as roosts, and avoid pesticides that kill insects and harm bats. These are some ways your home can also become a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat. If you're a caver, become a partner for bats and the future of caves in all the bat-filled wonder.

This Halloween, give bats a treat – lend your voice to help pass the Recovering America's Wildlife Act.

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Why Bats Matter!

Bat wingspans range from 6 inches to 6 feet

6 inches (length of a dollar bill) | 6 feet (length of two guitars)

Up to **95%** of "pioneer plants" grow from seeds dispersed by bats in cleared Latin American rainforests.

Bats play essential roles in keeping populations of night-flying insects in balance worldwide.

500+ species of plants

Bats save **U.S. farmers \$23 billion** annually in pesticides & reduced crop damage

78 bat species are ENDANGERED WORLDWIDE

FRAGILE Most bats only have one pup each year.

1,300+ different bat species

& 32% of U.S. bats call WY home

Bats live on all continents except Antarctica.

BAT CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL | batcon.org

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A yellow rectangular button with rounded corners. The top half is solid yellow with the text 'HELP PROTECT WILDLIFE' in bold black uppercase letters, followed by 'DONATE NOW' in black uppercase letters and a dark green circular button with a white right-pointing arrow. The bottom half of the button features a photograph of a bald eagle with its wings spread, catching a fish in a body of water. The name 'Larry Paris' is written in small text at the bottom right of the photo.