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## Bat Week

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Even though we barely ever see them, bats come in all shapes and sizes. Most of them eat tons of insects every night, pollinate flowers around the world and spread seeds (by pooping them out) to help new plants grow. Bat Appreciation Week comes every year in the last week of October.

Below are some observations on the flying mammals. From the bloodsuckers, to echolocation to inebriated mosquito eating, bats are a diverse bunch.



Vampire bat first dates are just as annoying as anybody else's first dates.



Vampire bats have to go out to eat every night. It must get exhausting.



The bat visits the dolphin at night for a subsonic conversation.



Did you know that one Little Brown Bat (*Myotis lucifugus*) can eat up to 1000 mosquitos in an hour? With a life span of 40 years, they're one of the longest-lived small mammals. Well this guy might not live that long if he keeps bingeing on those drunken skeeters!

Visit [Batweek.org](http://Batweek.org) to learn more about bat conservation and why they need our help (strangely they don't offer advice on how to keep them from eating alcoholic insects).

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