

Be Bat Friendly

Bats play a crucial role in our ecosystem. All bat species that reside in North Carolina are insectivorous, consuming a vast number of insects each night. Many of the insects that bats eat can cause damage to crops. In other parts of the world, bats serve as important pollinators for fruits that humans consume every day, such as bananas, agave plants and mangos. Still others serve as seed-dispersers for a wide variety of plants, from avocados to cashews. You can do many things to help bat populations in North Carolina.

Be BAT FRIENDLY by:

- Avoiding the use of home-eviction devices during the bat pup-rearing season (May-July)
- Setting up a bat box (right)
- Planting native plants that attract insects to provide food for bats
- Limiting the use of insecticides and herbicides whenever possible
- Avoiding hibernation areas and maternity colonies
- Joining a conservation group, such as [Bat Conservation International](#), to stay up to date about bat conservation efforts
- Educating yourself and others regarding the importance of bats and why they are beneficial



Learn more:
www.ncwildlife.org/bat

