



North Carolina's **BATS ARE SUPER COOL!**



Though some find them scary or creepy, bats are not only interesting, but beneficial in many ways.

Did you know...

Free Bug Control



Bats eat mass quantities of insects and can consume their entire body weight in bugs each night! Bats save farmers over \$1B in free pest control every year.

Not Just Caves



Many bats roost in trees – under loose bark or in hollows and crevices.

Pollinator Power

Bats are the primary pollinator for mango, cacao, and agave. Without them we wouldn't have chocolate, agave nectar, or tequila!



“Light” Diet

Bats don't usually fly into people's hair. They are attracted to insects that fly around porch lights though!



Clean Critters



Most bats don't have rabies. Out of those that are tested,

less than **3%**
test positive.

Super Senses



Bats have good eyesight, but they use echolocation as a powerful additional sense to navigate and locate prey.

Cute Mug

NC bat researcher Katherine Etchison says bats remind her of teething puppies when handled for study.



On the Move

Many species are migratory, just like birds. Bats that don't stay in caves fly south for the winter.



learn more about North Carolina's bats at
ncwildlife.org/bat

