



International Bat Night Pack





Celebrate bats on

International Bat Night 2023

26th-27th August 2023

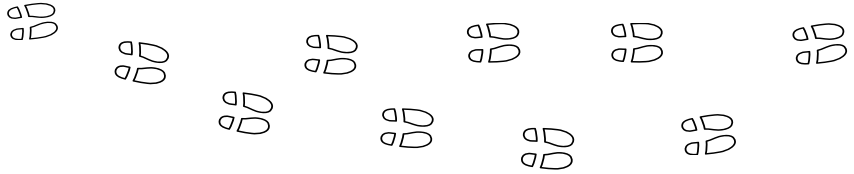
This annual celebration of bats sees bat events for the public taking place across the world!

In the UK, Bat Conservation Trust, local bat groups, other organisations and bat enthusiasts also celebrate bats during this night (and weekend).

It has taken place on the last full weekend of August since 1997 with more than 30 countries taking part.

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How can you celebrate bats?



Go to a batty event near you

A bat walk is a great example of something the whole family can take part in. [Find events here](#) or ask locally if there are any events happening
[Find your local bat group here.](#)

Are you organising a bat walk/talk or other event? [Register it here.](#)



Can't find an event near you? Organise your own

Invite family and friends over and watch bats in the garden. Or go for a walk in your local park.
[More tips on where to see bats here.](#) If you'd like to organise a bat walk, [check this page here some helpful hints and tips.](#)



Dedicate some time to make your garden bat friendly and make your own bat box. [Some tips here.](#)



Plan some batty arts and crafts with the kids. [Some suggestions here.](#)
Or organise a batty quiz/board games night.



Important Note

A well planned event will always run more smoothly, so remember to be organised. When organising an event, please think about health and safety and any other rules or regulations carefully so everyone can have an enjoyable time.

[Check some of our leaflets and other resources here!](#)

03.

What can I do to help bat conservation?

DISPELLING MYTHS

EDUCATING

RAISING AWARENESS

This year, more than ever, we need you to raise awareness of bats in your communities and help us fundraise for bat conservation. The increasing fear of bats and a severe lack of resources is undermining bat protection. Please help us raise awareness and funds to stop the spread of misinformation and misunderstanding around bats ([click here for information about bats](#)). You could also deliver a bat talk to your local community if you'd like! [Check this page here for an example of a presentation.](#)

It's only through your support that we will be able to continue working towards our vision of a world rich in wildlife where bats and people thrive together.



A fun way to discover more about bats and the wonderful people working hard to protect them is to listen to our BatChat podcast! Season 4, our current Season, contains 11 episodes (including 2 exciting bonus episodes) and they are all available in your usual streaming platform (e.g. Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, etc) or [you can listen to them here.](#)



Share your love for bats

[Check our website for more information about bats](#)

[Download our FREE education pack which into the curriculum](#)



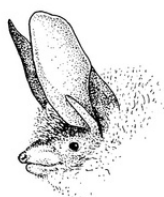
What can I do to help bat conservation?

Check our website for more fundraising ideas!



Resources

Scroll through the next few pages for some resources we prepared for you, including some bat facts, some batty arts and crafts, and a list of useful links for further resources!



Sharing is caring

We want to know how you are celebrating bats! Share your photos/videos/thoughts with us on social media or via email.



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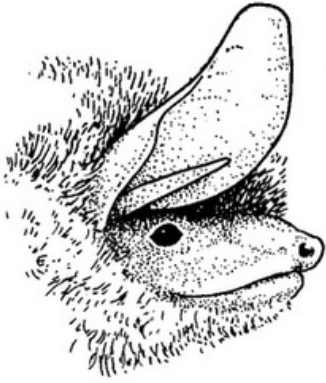
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[BatConservationTrust](https://www.facebook.com/BatConservationTrust)

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Resources

Bat Facts

There are 18 species of bats resident in the UK - that's more than a quarter of our mammal species.

Bats usually only have one baby a year and some species can live for 30 years or more.

Bats are more closely related to people than mice and they have excellent navigation skills - so not only will they not get caught in your hair but the expression 'blind as a bat' is totally inaccurate!

A tiny pipistrelle bat can eat up to 3,000 insects in a night!

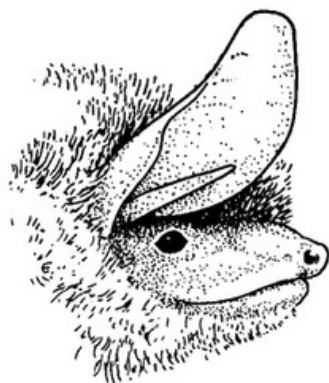
Bats do not build nests; they hang up or tuck themselves into cracks and crannies. A place where a bat chooses to live is called a roost and in the UK it can be located in trees, buildings or underground sites such as caves, under bridges or disused tunnels.

There are close to 1,400 bat species in the world (accounting for 20% of all mammal species). Globally, three-quarters of bat species eat insects just like all British bats. In the tropics, bats also eat many other foods - fruit, flowers, frogs, fish, blood, even other bats!

Bats and their roosts (even when unoccupied) are all protected by law in the UK due to the dramatic decrease in their numbers during the past century.

Bats are an 'indicator' species which means they are a sign of a green and healthy environment. Operating at the top of the food chain, bats keep in check the numbers of insects active between the hours of dusk and darkness when birds are largely absent.

For more information about bats click here!



Resources

Make a bat box!

How to make a bat box

You will need

- an adult to help you
- untreated, rough-sawn timber



- tape measure and pencil



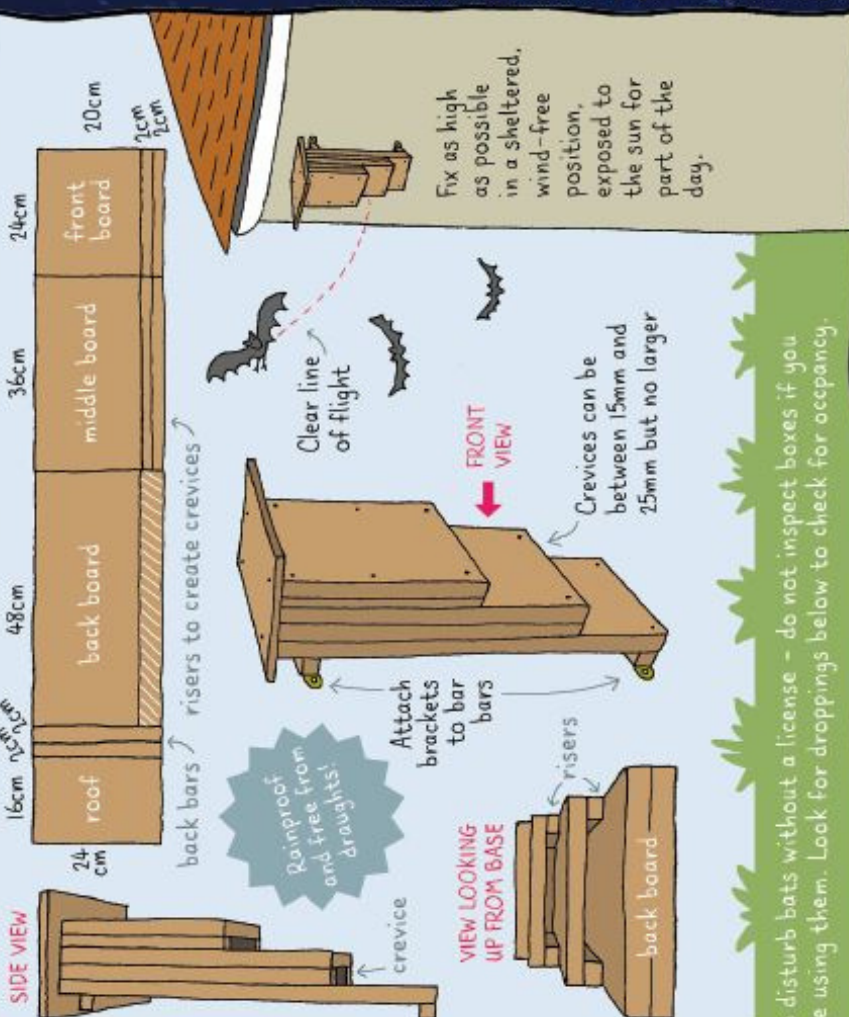
- saw



- hammer and nails



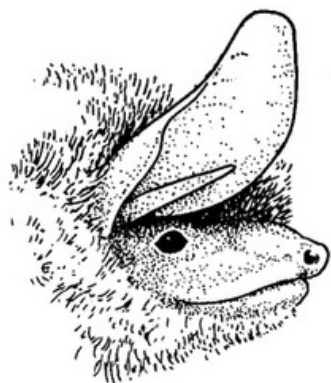
Do not use wood stain or preservative on your box



It is illegal to disturb bats without a license - do not inspect boxes if you think bats are using them. Look for droppings below to check for occupancy.

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wildaboutgardens.org.uk



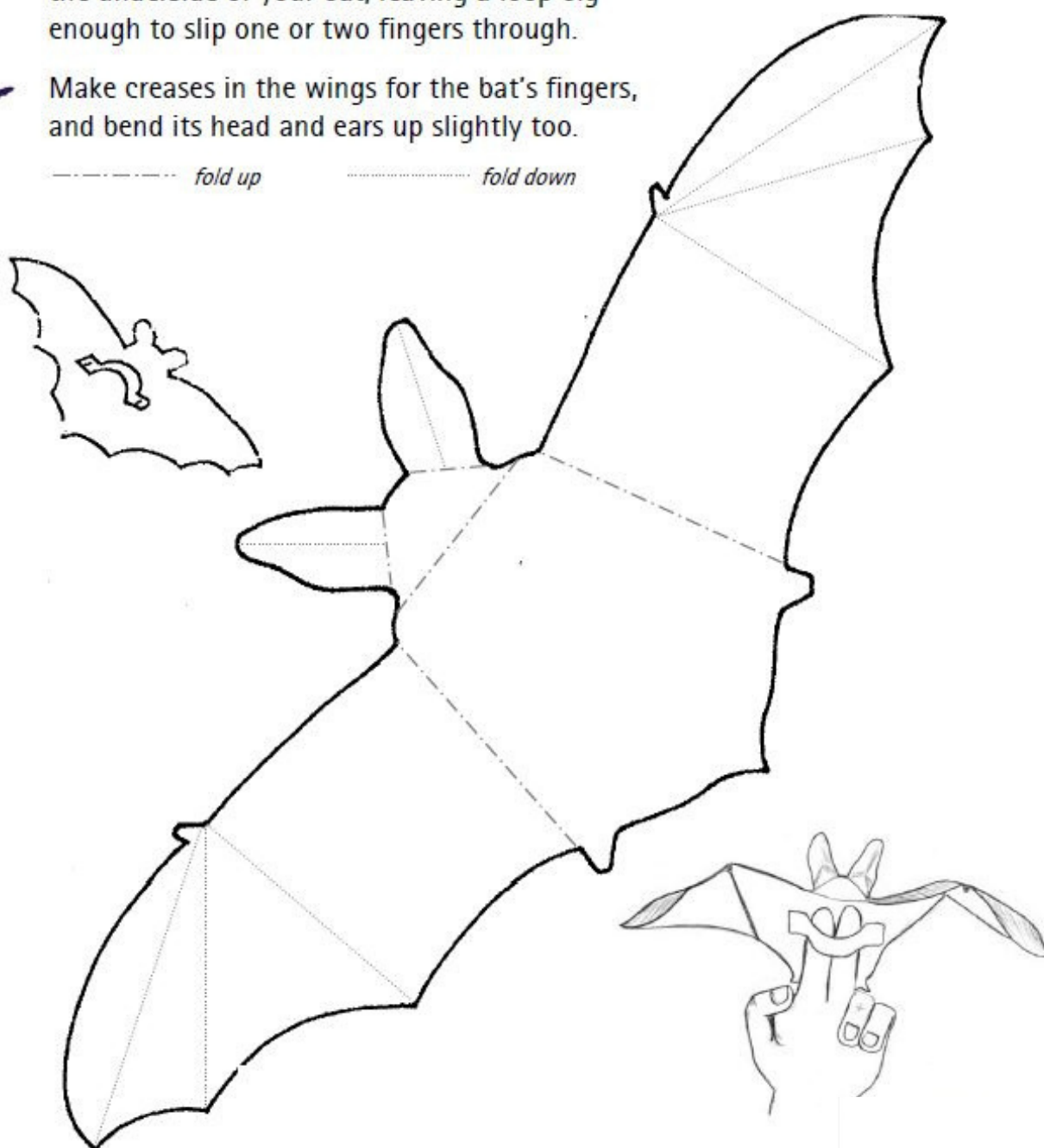
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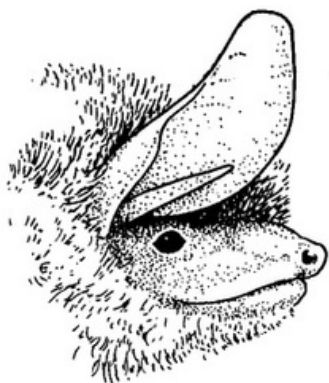
Long-eared bat finger puppet

- ✦ Draw a bat shape like the one below onto thick paper or card, colour it in and then cut it out.
- ✦ Affix a strip of paper about 6cm long onto the underside of your bat, leaving a loop big enough to slip one or two fingers through.
- ✦ Make creases in the wings for the bat's fingers, and bend its head and ears up slightly too.

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Resources

BAT HATS

- have fun with your friends

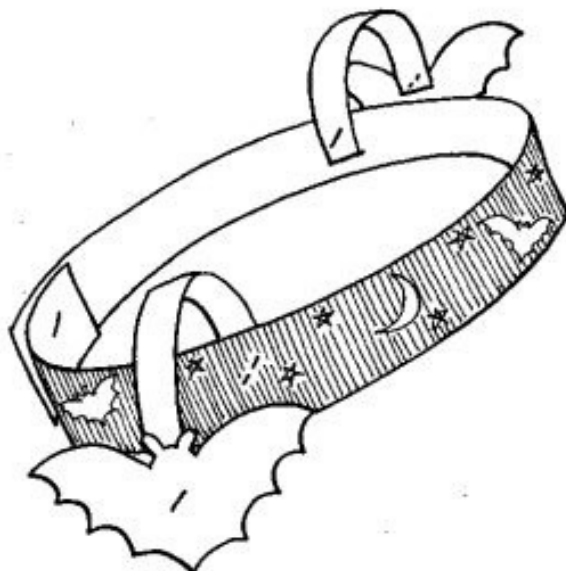
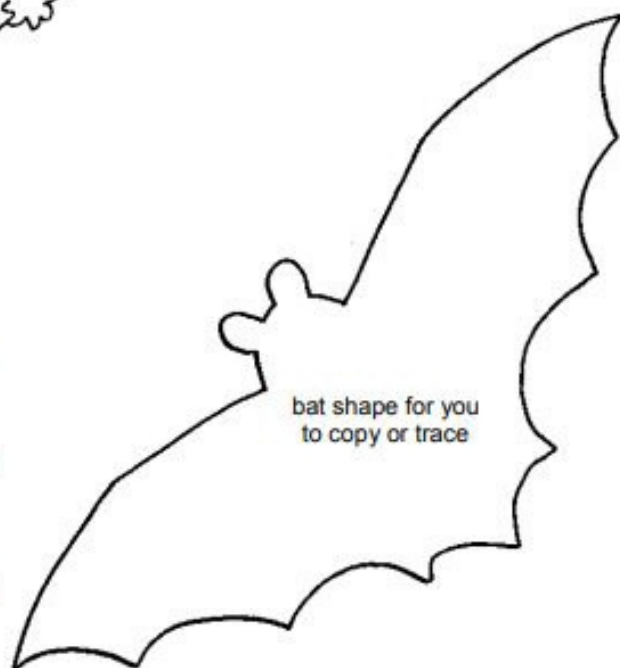


You will need:

- one piece of card or stiff paper 65 cm. long, 3 cm. wide
- two pieces of paper 30cm. long, 1cm. wide
- two paper bats, cut out and coloured, or in black paper

Decorate the wide band and staple it to fit your head.

Staple the bats to one end of the shorter pieces of paper, then staple the other end to the head band as shown below.



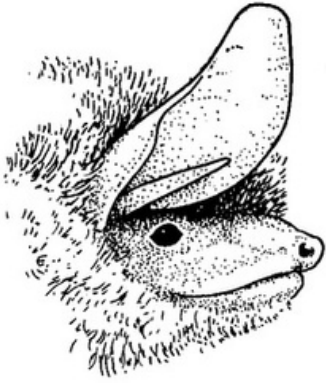
Design a hat.

Can you design a different hat?

Instead of two bats, you might like to have more bats, or one bat and one insect.

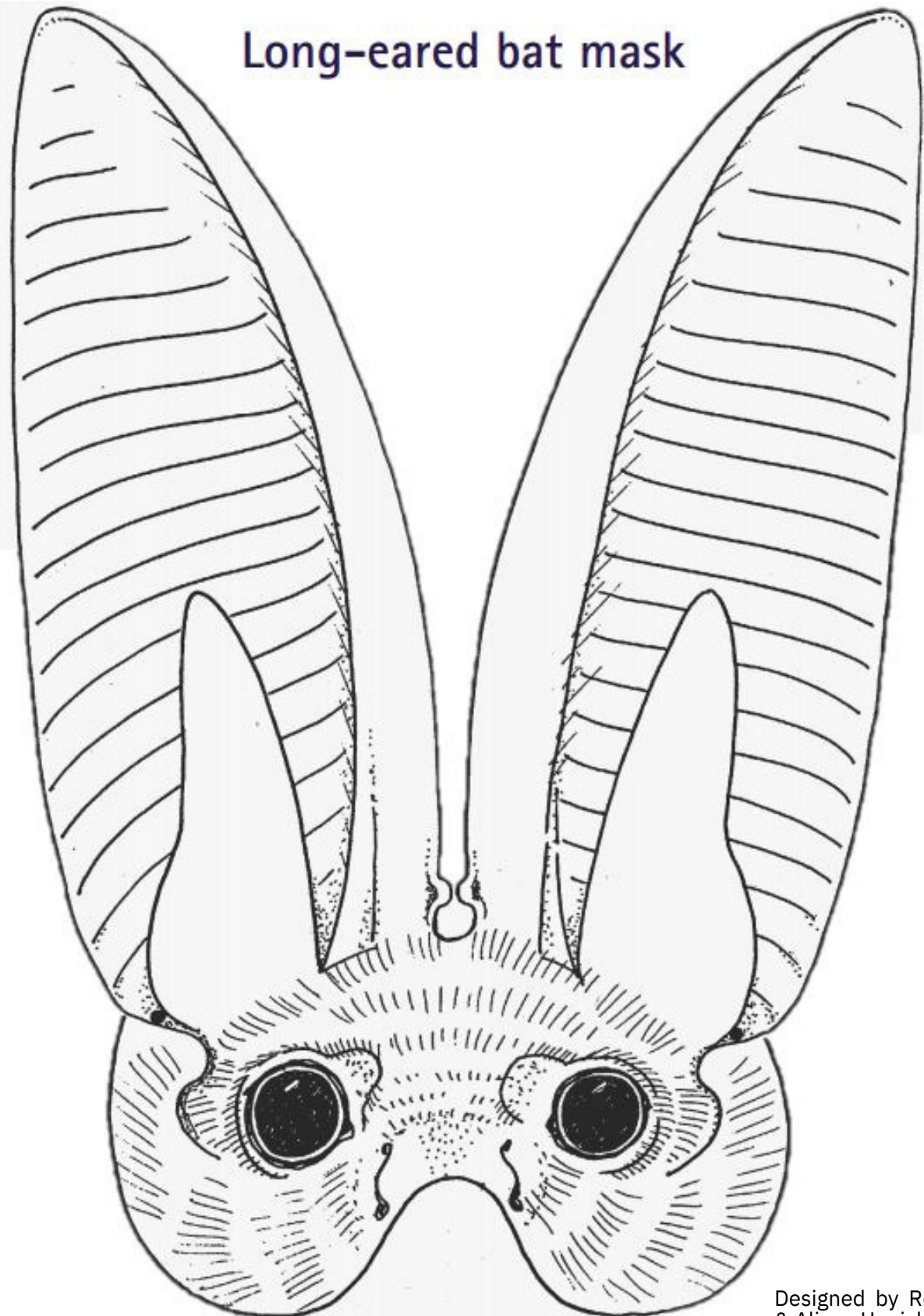
Have a hat competition among your friends.

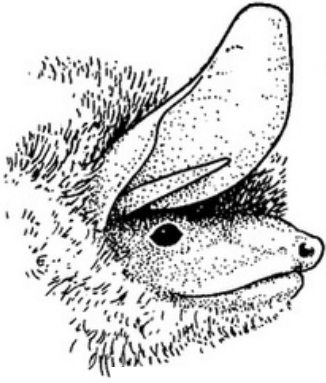
Who can make the best bat hat?



Resources

Long-eared bat mask





Resources

Bat silhouettes (not to scale)





Bat Conservation Trust
www.bats.org.uk

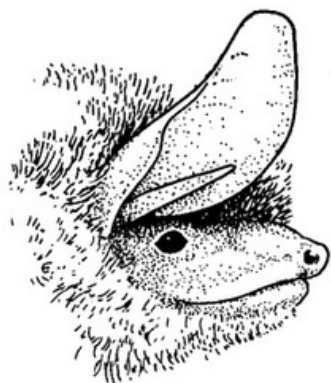


I'm celebrating

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because...

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Resources

USEFUL LINKS

Event logistics

- **Find an event near you** - www.bats.org.uk/events
- **Find your local bat group** - www.bats.org.uk/support-bats/bat-groups
- **Register your event** - www.bats.org.uk/events
- **More ideas on how to fundraise for bats** - www.bats.org.uk/support-bats/fundraise
- **How to donate** - <https://www.bats.org.uk/donate/pledge>
- **Organising and leading a bat walk** - www.bats.org.uk/resources/education-outreach-resources/bat-walks
- **Where to see bats?** - www.bats.org.uk/about-bats/where-do-bats-live/where-to-see-bats



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Further resources

- **Gardening for bats** - www.bats.org.uk/advice/gardening-for-bats
- **More information about bat boxes** - www.bats.org.uk/our-work/buildings-planning-and-development/bat-boxes
- **Fun batty crafts** - <https://www.bats.org.uk/resources/education-outreach-resources/fun-craft-activities>
- **UK bat species** - www.bats.org.uk/about-bats/what-are-bats/uk-bats
- **General information about bats** - www.bats.org.uk/about-bats



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- **Useful leaflets and posters** - www.bats.org.uk/resources/publications-and-leaflets/leaflets
- **Bats for All resource pack which includes guidance on accessibility to people with special needs and more** - www.bats.org.uk/resources/education-outreach-resources/bats-for-all-resource-pack
- **Become a Bat Conservation Trust member** - www.bats.org.uk/membership/scheme
- **Adopt a Bat** - www.bats.org.uk/support-bats/adopt-a-bat





Thank you for celebrating bats with us!



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