

Big Brown Bat

Eptesicus fuscus



THERE ARE BATS IN MY HOUSE. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Bats are attracted to areas like attics because they feel like caves. Contact local animal control and they will help you find and block their points of entry. You will have to wait until all potential pups (baby bats) would be grown up so you don't accidentally block moms from coming back to care for her flightless pups.

WHY SHOULD I HAVE A BAT HOUSE IN MY YARD?

Bats need our help now more than ever (see below) and need safe roosting areas like bat houses. We may not want them in our house, but we love them in our yard for free pest control! One bat can eat over 1,000 mosquitoes every hour!



WHY ARE THERE FEWER BATS NOW THAN IN YEARS PAST?

This is due to White Nose Syndrome, a fungus which has decimated the bat population in Ohio and is continuing to spread throughout the US. The fungus grows on their face and body, waking them up during hibernation when there is no food (bugs) to eat, so the bat starves.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bats are NOT blind! They can see as well as humans, but they need echolocation to help them catch insects at night!



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