

CONSERVATION TALES

Books about wildlife conservation for young readers



Conserving Bats and Their Habitat

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In warm weather, you can go outside in the evening to watch bats. Especially near woods and streams, you may see bats flying overhead as daylight fades into night. If you see bats in your neighborhood, don't be afraid! They are useful animals.

There are eight to ten species of bats found in Indiana, and some of them are endangered. All of these species eat insects, so they are important in controlling pests. If bats disappear, insect populations will increase, and that may lead to more crop damage, annoyance from pest insects, and even diseases spread by insects.

Meet Diana!

Illustration by Sierra Hensley

She and her friends help scientists record data about bats as she learned about the important role they play in our environment.

Read more about Diana in "Conservation Tales: Bats"

Did you know...

- There are more than **1200 species of bats?**
- Some bat species can eat up to **1000 mosquitos** in a hour?
- A single colony of 150 bats can protect farmers' crops by eating over **33 million rootworms** in a single year?

Caring for the living things that share our planet starts early. Help children understand the science behind wildlife conservation while discovering potential careers and experiencing inquiry-based science at home.

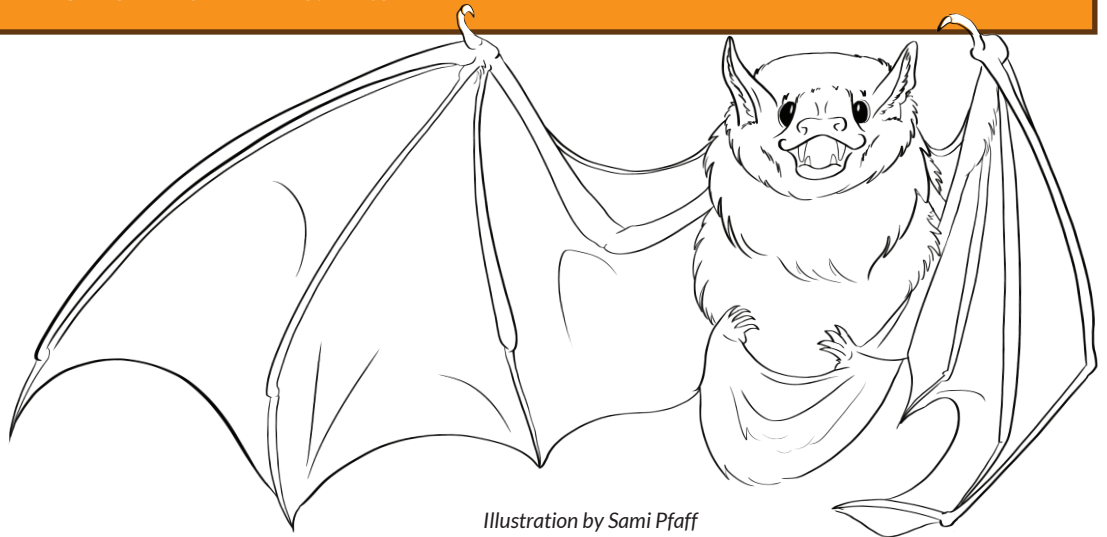


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- **Written for grades 3-5**
- Based on work of real researchers!
- Includes tips for action at home to protect wildlife
- Hands-on Inquiry Science activities for home or schools

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