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BatsLIVE

A Distance Learning Adventure

BatsLIVE is an exciting program that will bring the latest bat conservation issues to life in the classroom and community.

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Lesser Long-nosed Bat
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Bats are vital to healthy ecosystems and human economies worldwide. As primary predators of night-flying insects, bats consume enormous quantities of agricultural and forest pests reducing the need for chemical pesticides. Some bats are critical pollinators and seed dispersers for plants.

Yet these wonderfully diverse and beneficial creatures are among the least studied and most misunderstood of animals. Bats are threatened worldwide, and their colonies and habitats are destroyed – both intentionally and inadvertently – because of myths, misinformation, and lack of scientific knowledge and understanding.

Bat populations are declining almost everywhere, especially due to the devastating White-Nose Syndrome disease. Losing bats has far-reaching consequences for natural ecosystems and human economies. Knowledge is the key to their survival and protection.

Register now for BatsLIVE:

- **FREE** to all schools.
- **On May 17 from 1-2 p.m. ET, watch a LIVE WEBCAST** for students.
- **Join us for in-depth WEB SEMINARS** for teachers and adults.
 - On **April 18**, learn about **BAT BASICS** and the importance and threats to bats and how to attract bats to your habitat.
 - On **May 3**, experts will provide teachers and non-formal educators with **LESSONS AND ACTIVITIES** to use in the classroom or in the field.
 - On **October 11**, learn about cave and karst topography and bat habitat.
- **Participate in CITIZEN SCIENCE** activities.
- **Find LESSON PLANS** about bats for the classroom.
- **Connect with bat conservation ORGANIZATIONS** worldwide.



Lesser Short-nosed Fruit Bat
Photo by Doug Locke, Organization for Bat Conservation



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