

Saplings Colouring Package #17

*Bat Appreciation Day
April 17*



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Did You Know?

Ten Fun Facts About Bats

1. Bats are the only mammals that can truly fly. Their wings are actually made of a thin membrane of skin stretched over elongated finger bones, resembling a modified human hand.
2. The scientific name for bats is Chiroptera, which literally translates to "hand-wing."
3. A single little brown bat can eat up to 1,000 mosquito-sized insects in a single hour.
4. Bats "see" in the dark using sound. They emit high-pitched, ultrasonic calls that bounce off objects, allowing them to navigate and hunt in total darkness.
5. Despite the phrase "blind as a bat," all bat species can see, some even better than humans in low light.
6. For their small size, bats live a long time. Some species can live over 30 years in the wild.
7. Bats hang upside down to rest because their specialized leg bones and tendons allow them to hang without wasting energy. This position also allows them to drop into flight immediately, escaping predators.
8. Some caves can house massive colonies; for instance, Bracken Cave in Texas is home to 20 million Mexican free-tailed bats.
9. While most eat insects, others eat fruit, nectar, fish, and in the case of 3 species of vampire bats, blood.
10. Compounds in vampire bat saliva, known as "Draculin," are being studied for their ability to break up blood clots and help stroke patients.

Now It's Your Turn!
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