

Meet the Virginia State Bat

The Virginia Big-eared Bat

(*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*)

There are over 1,000 different species of bats worldwide.

45 species of bats live in the United States.

17 species of bats have been documented in Virginia.

The Virginia big-eared bat uses caves for hibernating and for summer maternity and bachelor colonies.

Virginia's caves occur in the karst topography west of the Blue Ridge.

Among mammals, bats are second only to rodents in the number of species worldwide.



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1 of 3 Federally Endangered bat species living in VA

Only 13,000 remain nationwide

Only found in VA, WV, KY, and NC

These mammals consume 1/3 their weight in insects every night!

Moths make up more than 90% of the bat's diet

Directions

Cut out the bat and fold in the wings at the elbows. You can hang the bat by putting string through holes on the wings at the wrists or ankles. You can also cut out bat facts and glue them inside the folded bat wings, and even research additional bat facts!

www.dcr.virginia.gov/dnh/karsthome1.htm



