

BAT FACTS



Bats are the only mammals that can fly



Bats are more closely related to people than mice



Bats wings are not wings, they are actually hands with skin stretched between long fingers

There are 1,200 species of bat in the world, the UK has 19 (17 species known to be breeding here)



Pipistrelle bats weigh the same as a 2p coin



Brown long eared bats curl their ears up like rams horns or tuck them away under their wings when roosting

Pipistrelle bats can eat up to 3,000 insects in a single night



In hibernation a bat's heart beat drops to 20 beats per minute

Bats drink by skimming close to the surface of a body of water and gulping an occasional mouthful



For more information check out these pages:

www.bats.org.uk/pages/all_about_bats.html

www.wildlifetrusts.org/where_to_see_bats

www.bu.edu/cecb/bat-lab-update/bats/bat-facts-and-folklore

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/blogs/nature-detectives-blog/2018/08/facts-about-bats

www.press.jhu.edu/news/bolg/wild-thing-little-something-about-bats

www.batworlds.com/bat-species/