

Most Common Bats in So MD

Little Brown Bat, Evening Bat, Red Bat, Big Brown Bat



Little Brown Bat



4 – 9 g body weight

10 – 30 year lifespan

3 1/8 – 3 7/8” length

Single bat catches up to 600 mosquitoes per hour

9 - 11” wing span

Long, glossy dark fur, long hairs on hind feet extend beyond tips of claws. Face, ears, and wing membranes are dark brown

Mate late August – November, sperm stored until spring, one pup born May or June after 60 day gestation

Pup weighs up to 30% of mother’s weight which is like a 120 lb woman giving birth to a 36 lb baby

Pups hang onto mom for 3 – 4 days, even during feeding. Pups capable of flight at 18 days and adult size at 3 weeks

Evening Bat



6 - 13 g body weight

3 – 3 7/8” length

10 - 11” wing span

2 – 5 year lifespan

Colony of 300 Evening Bats will consume 6.3 million insects per summer

Fur is short, dull brown, belly paler. Ears/wing membranes blackish brown

Average of 2 pups born late May or early June. Born pink and hairless with eyes closed. Capable of flight within 20 days and nearly adult sized at 4 weeks. Weaned at 6 – 9 weeks

Red Bat

9 - 15 g body weight

3.75 - 5" length

11 - 13" wing span

32 teeth/40mph flight

Bright orange to brick red angora-like fur often with frosted appearance (females more frosted than males), white shoulder patches. Heavily furred tail membrane. Females have 4 nipples unlike most bats with 2

Mating season Aug – Sept, sperm stored until following spring (April-May). 2-3 pups born early summer (majority in mid June)

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Big Brown Bat



13 – 18 g weight
18 year lifespan

4 – 5 1/8” length
40 mph flight

13- 16” wing span

Glossy brown-copper fur, belly paler. Face and ears black.

Mating season November – March. Two pups born hairless with eyes closed and immediately begin squeaking. Eyes open within 24 hours. Stay nestled under mother’s wings for first 2 weeks. Capable of flight at 3 weeks, weaned at 9 weeks.

Fierce when captured, very vocal and continually try to bite – drawing blood when successful

Bat Rescue Facts

If you find a bat, it is very important to transfer the animal to an experienced bat rehabilitator as soon as possible. Many times bats that are found grounded have been without food or water for several hours or days already. They may also have life threatening injuries that require immediate treatment.

Remember – **NEVER touch a bat with your bare hands! Find a clean container that will hold the bat until it can be transferred to a rehabilitator and then find something to help scoop the bat into the container (heavy leather gloves, a heavy cloth, or a piece of newspaper).**

Place a small towel or an old shirt inside for the bat to hide in.

Cover the container, making sure the animal can get sufficient air through the lid

Place the container in an area that is not too hot nor too cold, away from children, pets and loud noises

It is best not to attempt to feed or water them in any way

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