

What's GOOD About Bats?

See if you can match the right answers with the questions below.
You'll discover some good reasons to keep bats around!



Answers for Matching

- _____ a. How many kinds of bats are there worldwide?
- _____ b. The system that bats use to locate prey is called_____.
- _____ c. List three bats that are common in Indiana.
- _____ d. How many species of plants in the tropics need bats for pollination?
- _____ e. The name for the group of mammals to which bats belong is Chiroptera. What does this mean?
- _____ f. What are bat droppings called?
- _____ g. How many mosquitoes are eaten by a little brown bat during an average summer?
- _____ h. List three tropical fruits that we eat that are pollinated by bats.
- _____ i. How many babies does a female bat usually have per year?
- _____ j. The smallest bat in the world has a body slightly larger than a jelly bean. What is it called?
- _____ k. Name three things that bats eat.
- _____ l. Less than 1/2 of 1 percent of all bats carry this disease, but many people *incorrectly* think every bat does. What is it?
- _____ m. This is one place that bats *won't* go because their echolocation guides them away from it!
- _____ n. Bats have these and use them, along with echolocation, to hunt insects.
- _____ o. This is the only species of bat that eats blood, and it takes it from the heels of South American cattle that never know the difference.
- _____ p. This is what bats do in the winter.
- _____ q. Human entry into a hibernation cave can cause the bats to arouse. How much stored fat reserve can the bats waste if this happens?
- _____ r. List three ways that bats have been useful in medical research.
- _____ s. How many kinds of bats are there in the U.S.?

1. Little brown bat
2. 33,000
3. Rabies
4. Bananas
5. Good eyes
6. Vaccine development
7. Guano
8. About 1000
9. Nectar
10. Your hair!
11. 39
12. Hibernate
13. Red bat
14. Studies of aging
15. Echolocation
16. One
17. 10 to 30 days worth
18. hand-wing
19. Approximately 300
20. Cashews
21. Vampire bat
22. Insects
23. Big brown bat
24. Bumblebee bat
25. Navigational aides for the blind
26. Peaches
27. Frogs



Answers

a-8; b-15; c-1,13, 23; d-19; e-18; f-7; g-2; h-4,20,26; i-16; j-24;
k-9, 22, 27; l-3; m-10; n-5; o-21; p-12; q-17; r-6, 14, 25; s-11

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