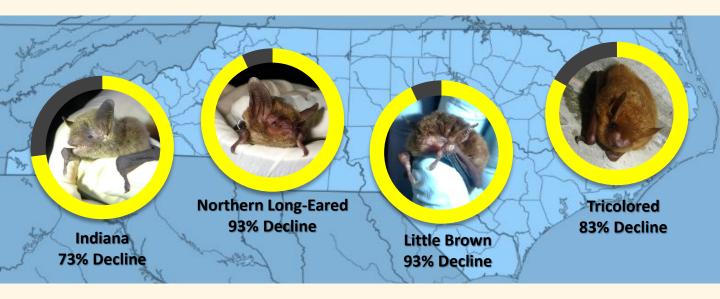


North Carolina's **BATS NEED OUR HELP!**



Recent threats have caused some bat populations to plummet in parts of the state.

Did you know...



Surveys in the Mountain Region have revealed drastic declines in some bat species over the past decade. The Piedmont and Coast show smaller, but hopefully stable populations. Researchers are working hard to uncover how bats are being affected by recent threats such as white-nose syndrome and habitat loss so we can better protect these valuable species.

You can help!

- Install bat boxes around your home.
- Plant native plants that support the insects that bats eat (like moths).
- Limit the use of insecticides and herbicides whenever possible.
- <u>Let NCWRC know</u> if you know of a cave or mine that could be surveyed for bats, or bat photos that could be identified.
- Avoid caves and mines during the winter while bats are hibernating.
- Educate yourself and others about why bats are beneficial.
- **Donate** to the NC Wildlife Diversity Endowment Fund.



learn more about North Carolina's bats and how you can help at **ncwildlife.org/bat**