

## North Carolina's

# BATS ARE SUPER COOL!



Though some find them scary or creepy, bats are not only interesting, but beneficial in many ways.

Did you know...



#### **Free Bug Control**

Bats eat mass quantities of insects and can consume their entire body weight in bugs each night! Bats save farmers over \$1B in free pest control every year.



#### Not Just Caves

Many bats roost in trees – under loose bark or in hollows and crevices.

#### **Pollinator Power**

Bats are the primary pollinator for mango, cacao, and agave. Without them we wouldn't have chocolate, agave nectar, or tequila!

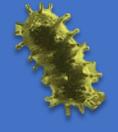


#### "Light" Diet

Bats don't usually fly into people's hair.
They are attracted to insects that fly around porch lights though!



#### **Clean Critters**



Most bats don't have rabies. Out of those that are tested,

less than 3%

test positive.



## **Super Senses**

Bats have good eyesight, but they use echolocation as a powerful additional sense to navigate and locate prey.

## **Cute Mug**

NC bat researcher Katherine Etchison says bats remind her of teething puppies when handled for study.



### On the Move

Many species are migratory, just like birds. Bats that don't stay in caves fly south for the winter.



learn more about North Carolina's bats at ncwildlife.org/bat

