

## Build a bat house!

- Bats are essential for maintaining healthy ecosystems.
- The bat species most likely to live in your backyard eat huge amounts of insects.
- Put one over your garden for some wonderful fertilizer!
- Get your bat house builder's handbook here:  
[http://www.batcon.org/pdfs/BHBuildersHdbk13\\_Online.pdf](http://www.batcon.org/pdfs/BHBuildersHdbk13_Online.pdf)

## Save the Bats!



**More bat information!!**  
**Bat Conservation International**  
[www.batcon.org](http://www.batcon.org)

## Found an injured bat?

1. Don't touch it with bare hands! Use gloves or a towel.
2. Call a wildlife rescuer. Look up who is in your area:  
<http://batworld.org/local-rescue/>

# GOT BATS?



**1,300+**  
different bat species

78 bats species are  
**ENDANGERED** worldwide



>20% of all  
mammals  
species  
are bats

Bats live on all continents  
except for Antarctica



# Why Bats Matter!



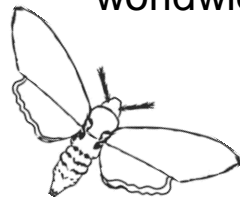
of “pioneer plants” grow from seeds dispersed by bats in cleared Latin American rainforests

Bats save U.S. farmers **\$23 billion** annually in pesticides & reduce crop damage



Bats play essential roles in keeping populations of **night-flying insects** in balance worldwide

Bats **pollinate** more than **500** species of plants



**Super Immunity**  
Resistant to scorpion stings, even from the most venomous North American Scorpion – The Arizona Bark Scorpion

**Super Speed!**  
Can fly up to 60 miles per hour



**Heat Vision!**  
Using specialized sensors in their nose, they locate blood-rich areas in the skin of their prey.

Many bats eat their weight in insects every night

# Bat Super Powers