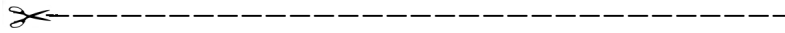


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All BC bats are predators of insects including mosquitoes, agricultural and forestry pests. They provide Canadians with millions of dollars in natural pest control services.



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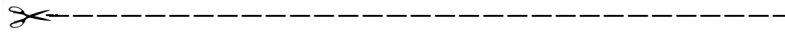
There are at least 14 different kinds of bats in the Okanagan. The highest diversity in Canada due to our diverse ecosystems including hot, dry desert environments.



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Bats are neither rodents nor considered pests under BC law. They are classified as wildlife under the BC Wildlife Act and are protected from harassment and killing.



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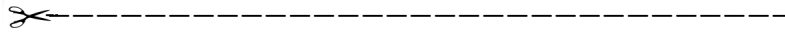
The majority of BC bats give birth to only one pup per year, and only about half of those young make it through their first winter.



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The Okanagan's Little Brown Myotis bat is listed as Endangered in Canada because of white-nose syndrome caused by a fungus. This disease does not affect people or pets but has decimated bat populations in eastern Canada and USA. BC bat biologists are on high alert for this disease!



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Bats often need a break at night after hunting for insects, they can eat more than their own weight in mosquitoes per night and may fly into covered patios to rest. If you find a bit of bat poop on the ground in the morning, you'll know some bat friends were visiting. Thank you bats for eating up the mosquitoes!

