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BC Annual Bat Count Form 2026



Site Name: _____

Primary Bat Counter's contact information Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Landowner information (for property on which roost site occurs) - check here ☐ if same as above

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Bat data in BC - bat winter hibernacula and maternity roost site location data are secured and managed per the Province's [Species and Ecosystems Secure Data and Information Policy and Procedures](#). This means secured data is not open access and will only be released by the Province if a legitimate Need-to-Know exists and the requestor agrees to the terms and conditions of a Confidentiality and Non-reproduction Agreement.

I, _____, (check all that apply)

_____ agree to allow bat counts to take place on my property by a BC Community Bat Program representative

_____ agree to allow the data to be submitted by the BC Community Bat Program to the BC Ministry of Environment for long-term data management and summary analyses.

_____ understand that no personal information will be submitted to the Province by the BC Community Bat Program.

Landowner(s) sign here: _____ Date: _____

More than 1 roost monitored at this site? Y / N

(If there is more than one roost being monitored, please fill out a form for each roost counted separately)

Structure used by people? Y / N

Roost Type (circle one): 1 – Barn 2 – Human House - occupied 3 – Human House - unoccupied 4 – Church 5 – Out building 6 – Bridge 7 – Tree

8 – Bat box/condo (multi-chamber nursery box, rocket box, single chamber, don't know) 9 – Other structure (describe): _____

Location: 1- Attic 2-Siding 3-Fascia board 4- Soffits 5-Roof 6-Flashing 7 – Other _____

Coordinates (UTM, Latitude / Longitude if known): _____ New location? Attach a map or sketch, or send us a digital photo.

Species id: If the species is unknown, you can send a guano sample in a paper envelope to the address below and we will get it analyzed. Details at <https://bcbats.ca/get-involved/counting-bats/>

Pups: please record if you see or hear pups. **Please check regularly on the ground below the roost**, particularly during hot spells, and report any pups immediately.

Please return your forms to your **local Community Bat Program Coordinator** or mail by September 15 to: **BC Community Bat Program, 158 McDonald Pl., Penticton, BC, V2A 1L8** or scan and email to bcbats@gmail.com. Please complete both sides (2 pages) of this form.

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Site Name: _____ Bat Counter Name(s) : 1. _____ 2. _____

Do your best to conduct FOUR bat counts this season (two between June 1 - 21 and two between July 11 – August 5). **If you do ONE or TWO counts, do them before June 21.** Avoid surveying if it is raining or if the wind speed is greater than ~20 km/hr. Detailed instructions can be found at www.bcbats.ca.

COUNT DATE	RAIN CODE (see bottom)	CLOUD CODE (see bottom)	WIND CODE (see bottom)	START TEMP °C	START TIME (sunset)	TIME FIRST BAT (when 1 st bat emerges)	END TIME (~1 hr after start time)	TOTAL # BATS COUNTED BY (counting at same exit)		Pups Seen or heard Y/N	Volunteer effort Total # of volunteers	Comments (Species, counters present, unusual events, heat wave, smoke, etc)
								Bat counter 1	Bat counter 2			

Rain, cloud and wind codes of 1 – 3 are best. Code of 4 is marginal. Avoid surveying if code is higher than 4.

CODE	RAIN (PRECIPITATION)	CODE	CLOUD COVER	CODE	WIND DESCRIPTION	Speed
1	No rain	1	Clear-Clear to a few clouds	1	Calm-Leaves Still	0 km/hr
2	Foggy – reduced visibility	2	Scattered clouds – cloud cover less than half sky (< 50%)	2	Slight Breeze-Leaves slightly Rustling	1-11 km/hr
3	Misty drizzle – No distinct rain drops but can dampen clothing	3	Mostly Cloudy-Cloud cover > 50%	3	Gentle Breeze-Leaves and twigs in motion	13-19 km/hr
4	Drizzle – Fine rain drops (<.5 mm) visible on ground	4	Very Cloudy – Unbroken clouds	4	Mod. Breeze-Small branches begin to move	20-29 km/hr
5	Light rain – puddles not forming quickly, (<2.5 mm rain per hour)	5	Showers-Steady soaking rain	5	Windy-Small Trees or more in canopy sway	30+ km/hr
6	Hard rain – puddles form quickly (>2.5 mm per hour)	6	Thunderstorms-Rain with thunderstorms	6	Not Recorded	Not Recorded

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