



Developing Bat-friendly Communities

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Introduction to Bats in BC:

Bats are amazing



Little brown bat



Western long-eared



Townsend's big-eared



Hoary bat



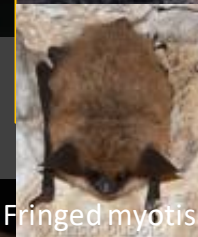
Yuma myotis



Northern myotis



Spotted bat



Fringed myotis



Silver-haired bat



California myotis



Big brown bat



Long-legged myotis



Pallid bat



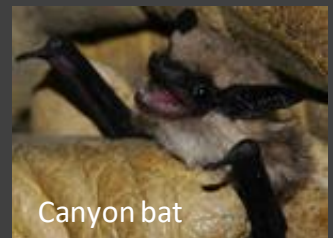
Eastern red bat



Western small-footed myotis



Brazilian free-tailed



Canyon bat

Bats are important
to our ecology and economy



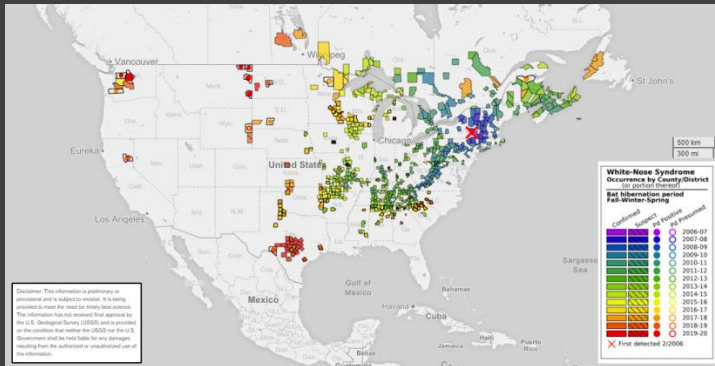
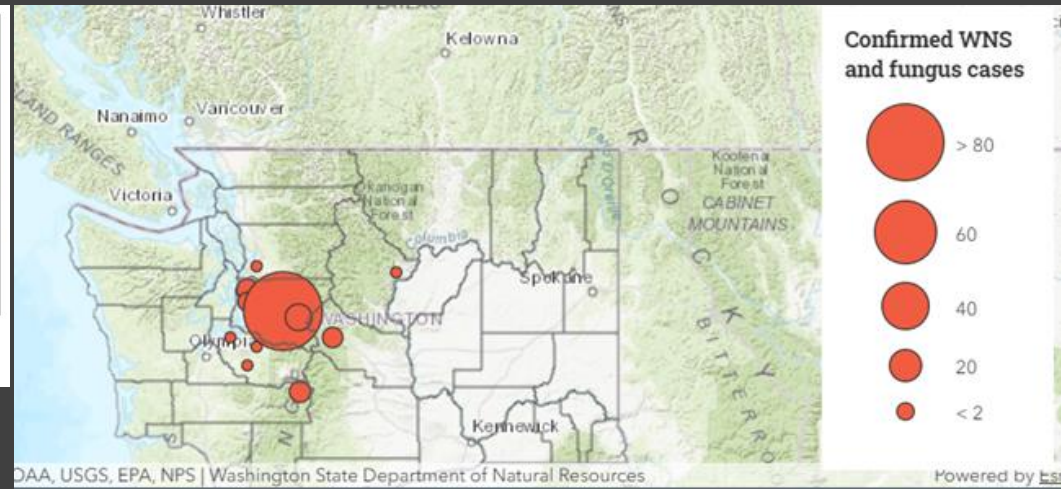
Bats are threatened



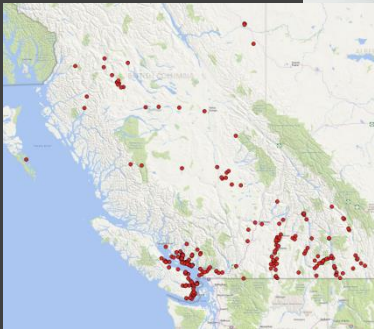
WNS : increased risk to BC bats



Little brown bats with White-Nose Syndrome, New York. Photo courtesy Nancy Heaslip, New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation.



What are we doing to help bats?



Next step - bat-friendly communities



- Incorporating multiple beneficial actions (see Guide)
- Implemented by local bat champion(s)
- Combined with other local conservation efforts
- Supported by the BC Community Bat Program





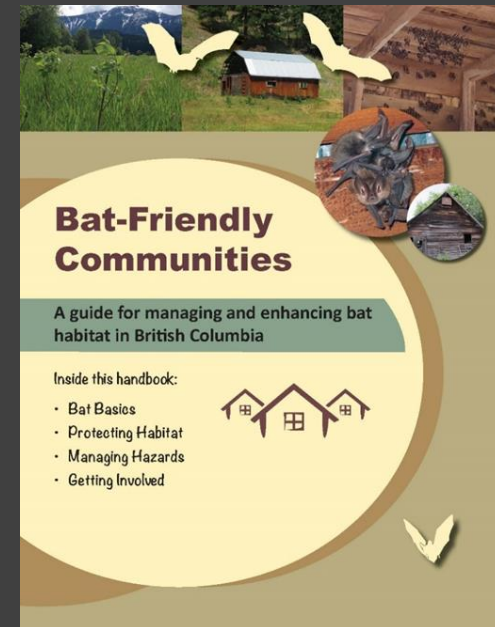
3 components to the BFC program

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2. Provide information about bats
3. Promote learning

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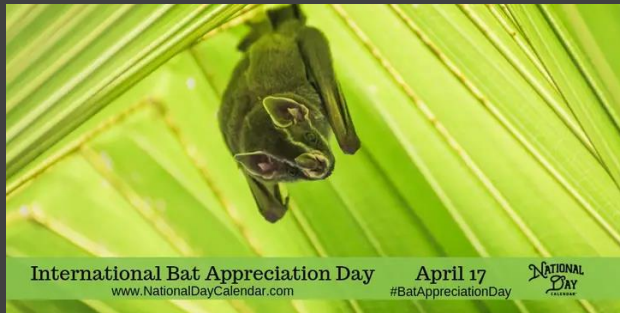


2. Provide information about bats



3. Promote learning

Apr 17 - Bat Appreciation Day



Oct 24-31 - Bat Week

BATWEEK



Bat-friendly communities in BC

Dawson creek - 2016

Peachland – 2019

Richmond - 2020



Becoming a Bat-friendly Community

1. Contact the BC Community Bat Program for support and information
 - info@bcbats.ca / www.bcbats.ca
2. Read support documents
 - “Bat-friendly Community Guide”
 - “Steps to becoming a BFC”
3. Team up to adopt bat-friendly practices
 - Protect habitats
 - Provide information about bats
 - Promote learning
4. Communicate your actions to the BC Community Bat Program

For more information: info@bcbats.ca / www.bcbats.ca



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