

# Meet the Virginia Big-Eared Bat

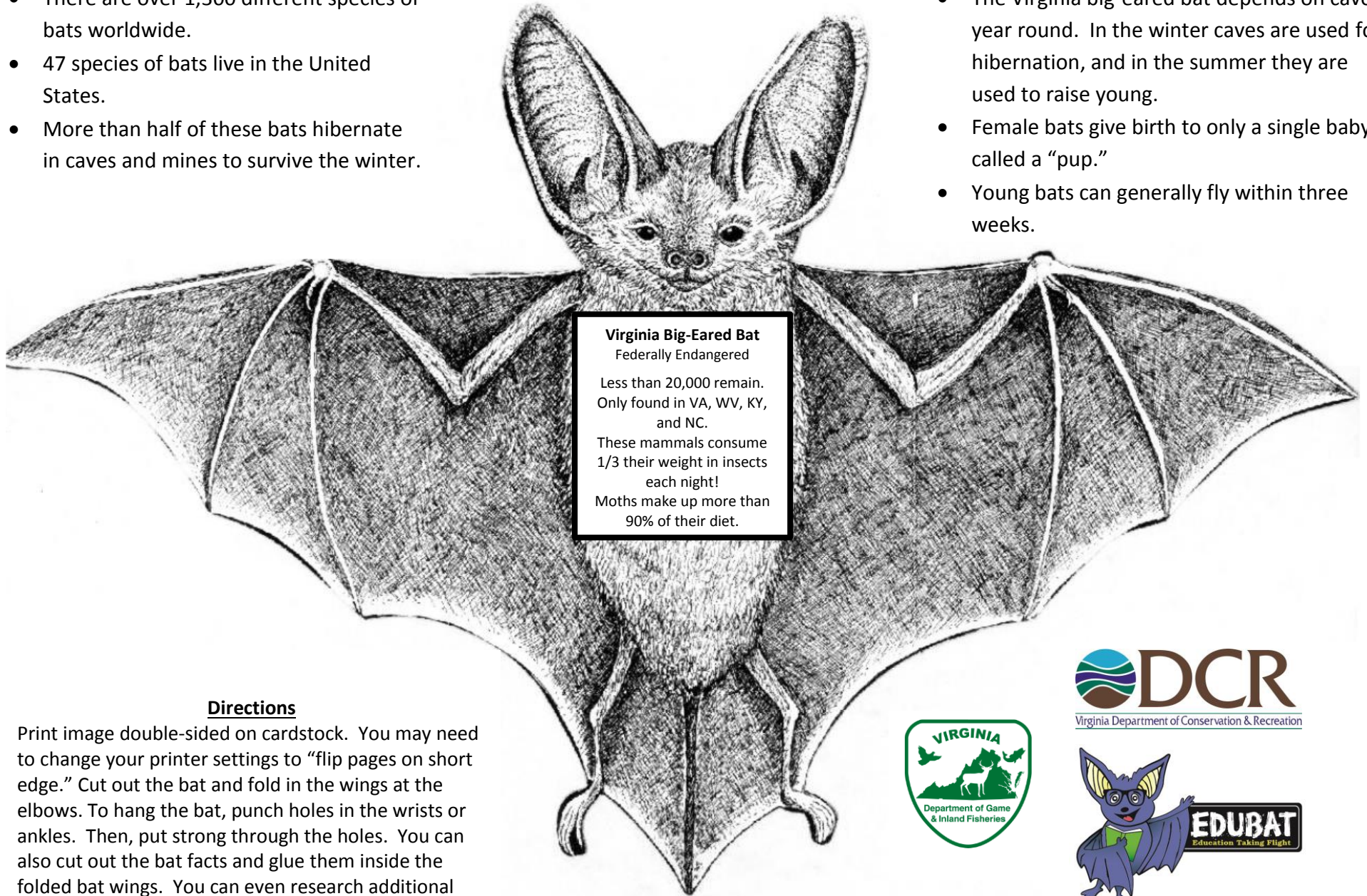
*(Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus)*

## Bat Facts:

- There are over 1,300 different species of bats worldwide.
- 47 species of bats live in the United States.
- More than half of these bats hibernate in caves and mines to survive the winter.

## VBEB Bat Facts:

- The Virginia big-eared bat depends on caves year round. In the winter caves are used for hibernation, and in the summer they are used to raise young.
- Female bats give birth to only a single baby called a “pup.”
- Young bats can generally fly within three weeks.



## Directions

Print image double-sided on cardstock. You may need to change your printer settings to “flip pages on short edge.” Cut out the bat and fold in the wings at the elbows. To hang the bat, punch holes in the wrists or ankles. Then, put string through the holes. You can also cut out the bat facts and glue them inside the folded bat wings. You can even research additional bat facts!



**Virginia Big-eared Bat**  
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