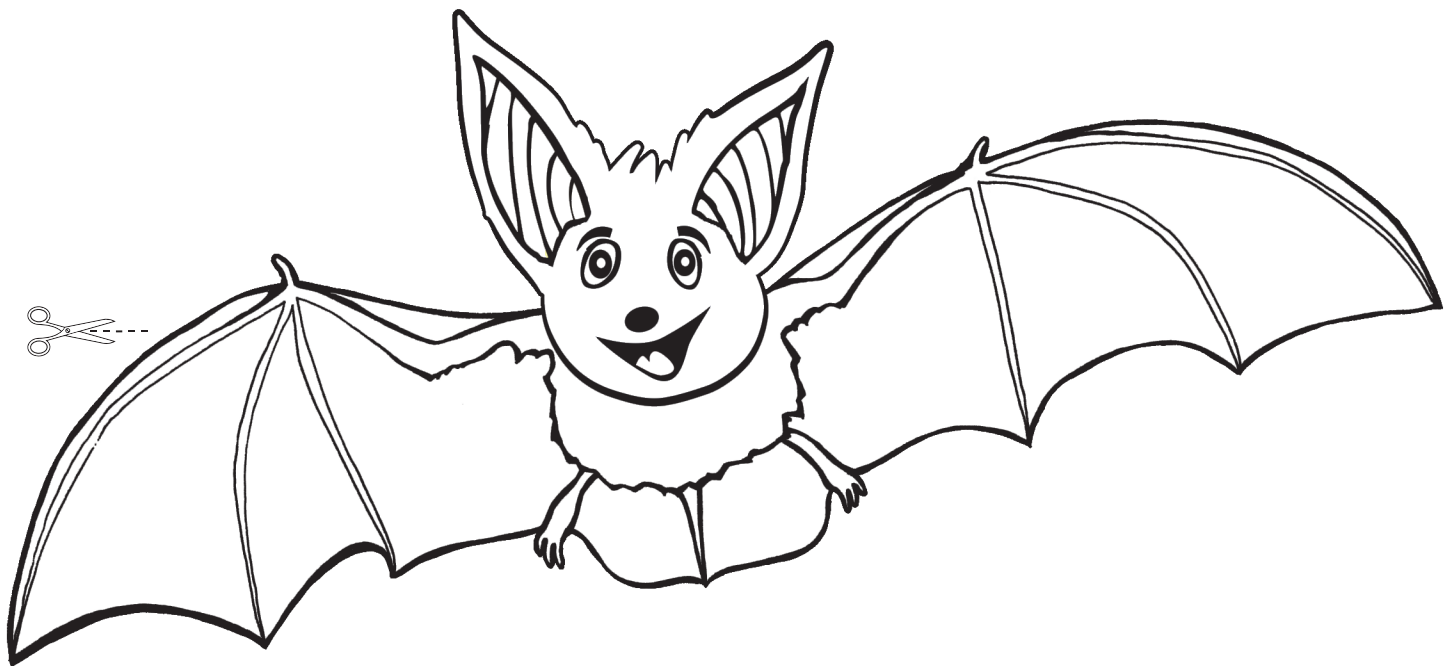
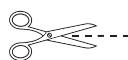
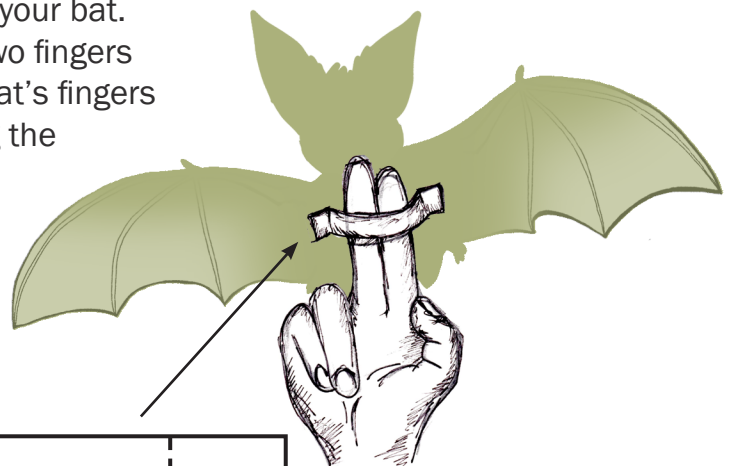


BIG-EARED BAT FINGER PUPPET

Bats are so COOL! Bats are the only mammals that can truly fly. The wing of the bat is one of its most amazing features. A bat's wing is actually a modified hand and the wing bones are elongated fingers. The structure of the wings allow the bat the lightness and maneuverability necessary for catching insects, hovering above flowers, or quickly avoiding obstacles. Can you see the thumb at the top of the bat wing? The thumb has a small claw, which aids the bat in crawling around on rough surfaces. **Learn more at [http://batslive.pwnet.org/edubat/!](http://batslive.pwnet.org/edubat/)**



Directions: Print the finger puppet and paper strip on thick paper or cardstock. Be sure to set your printer for double-sided printing! After printing, color in the bat and the small strip of paper at the bottom of the page. Next you will cut them both out. Attach the small strip of paper to the underside of your bat. Be sure to leave a loop big enough to slip one or two fingers through. Make creases in the wings to show the bat's fingers (see back of page). You will also need to fold along the dotted lines located on the bats head and ears."



WHITE-NOSE SYNDROME

Bats are in decline nearly everywhere they are found. Bat numbers in the United States and Canada have declined dramatically as a new disease, White-Nose Syndrome (WNS), has killed over six million bats in just six years. This disease is killing bats as they hibernate in caves and mines.

Bats need friends. BATS NEED YOU!

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