

BE ON THE LOOKOUT



Bat illustration by Roger Hall



WHY DO BAT COLONIES MATTER?

Bats are important for pest control, seed dispersal, and pollination world-wide. A disease discovered in New York in 2006 threatens their long term survival. White-nose syndrome, caused by a fungus, is responsible for more than 6 million bat deaths in United States since 2006. The fungus has been detected in Texas, Arkansas, and Mississippi, increasing the potential of spread into our state. To date, the fungus has not been detected in Louisiana. In Louisiana bats will roost in man-made structures due to a lack of caves. Knowing colony locations and sizes allows us to more effectively monitor the potential for disease spread into Louisiana.

BAT COLONY MONITORING

**NO
SPECIAL
SKILLS REQUIRED!**

A citizen-science initiative encouraging Louisiana residents to count bats at local roost sites



If you know the location of a roost or want to participate in bat monitoring, please contact

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