



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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MONITORING



Why Do Bat Colonies Matter?

Bats are important for pest control, seed dispersal, and pollination world-wide. White-nose syndrome, caused by a fungus, is responsible for more than 6 million bat deaths in the United States since its discovery in 2006. The fungus has not been detected in Louisiana., however Arkansas, Texas, and Mississippi have detected the fungus.

Bats roost in trees and man made structures due to lack of caves. Knowing colony location and size, and species distribution across the landscape, allows us to more effectively monitor the potential for disease spread into Louisiana.



POPULATION MONITORING

Please join our citizen-science initiative encouraging Louisiana residents to monitor bat populations throughout the state.



How Can You Help?

- If you have a bat house or are installing a bat house
- Know the location of a roost
- Are interested in conducting acoustic surveys

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