

# Why Bats Matter!

Bat wingspans range from 6 inches to 6 feet

6 inches



length of a dollar bill

6 feet



length of two guitars

Up to **95%**

of "pioneer plants" grow from seeds dispersed by bats in cleared Latin American rainforests.

Bats play essential roles in keeping populations of night-flying insects in balance worldwide.

Bats pollinate more than

**5000**

species of plants

Bats save U.S. farmers

**\$23 billion**

annually in pesticides & reduced crop damage



78 bat species are **ENDANGERED** WORLDWIDE

**1,300+** different bat species

& **32%** of U.S. bat species call WY home!

Bats live on all continents except Antarctica.



> 20% of all mammal species are bats

Most bats only have one pup each year.

**FRAGILE**



Most U.S. bats eat insects, providing essential pest-control services to fields, forests, and farms. Worldwide, bats are also important seed dispersers and pollinators.



**Bats Protect**



**Bats Propagate**



**Bats Pollinate**



beets



citrus



coffee



rice



tomatoes



pecans



peppers



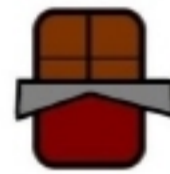
cotton



corn



strawberries



cacao



figs



black pepper



agave



wild bananas

Learn more about bats and how to protect them @ [batcon.org](http://batcon.org).

