

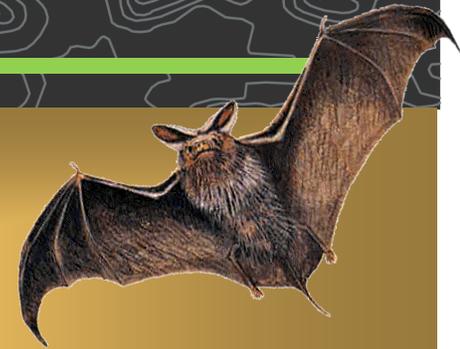


Bureau of
Land Management

Bat Week 2018

Be a Bat Hero!

Bat Week is an annual bat-tastic educational outreach event where scientists and citizens across the United States and Canada lead projects and programs to learn, support and get the word out about how amazing bats really are!



All events are FREE!

Full Moon Bat Hike

Wednesday, October 24, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

In the center of the Coachella Valley, use your eyes and ears in a variety of habitats for *bat-tastic* observations! RSVP at (760) 343-2733 Coachella Valley Preserve, 29200 Thousand Palms Canyon Rd in Thousand Palms

Movie Night with the Bats

Thursday, October 25, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Watch bats around the ponds before enjoying a children's movie featuring a rowdy bunch of bat cronies. Bring a cozy chair and flashlight or headlamp. RSVP at (760) 325-7222

Whitewater Preserve, 9160 Whitewater Canyon Road in Whitewater

Bats: Friend of Plants, Foe of Bugs

Saturday, October 27, 8:30-9:30 AM

Come to the 13th annual Desert Gardens Community Day and join Dani Ortiz for an illustrated lecture about the role of bats in your garden. Continue to enjoy booths and classes until 2:30 PM.

University of CA, Riverside, Palm Desert Center, 75080 Frank Sinatra Drive in Palm Desert

Be a Bat Hero, Super Hero Bat Walk

Sunday, October 28, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Explore the desert with a bat expert to learn about the super powers of bats. Bring a flashlight or headlamp for an easy walk. The best super hero bat costume gets a prize! RSVP at (760) 862-9984.

Cove to Lake Trailhead in La Quinta

Bat Lecture and Documentary Premiere: Bats of the Coachella Valley

Tuesday, October 30, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Hear BLM Wildlife Biologist, Dani Ortiz, share fascinating facts about bats in the area, then enjoy the premier showing of *Wander List: Bats* created by Anndee Laskoe, of Greater Palm Springs CVB. University of CA, Riverside, Palm Desert Center, 75080 Frank Sinatra Drive in Palm Desert

Live from the Living Desert! Bat Q&A Session

Wednesday, October 31, 1:30 - 1:50 PM

Join us online and ask questions about anything you want to know about bats during a live feed on the Living Desert's Facebook page. You can also email your questions before the event to ddortiz@blm.gov

Hooray for our Bat Hero Partners!

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Friends of the Desert Mountains, The Wildlands Conservancy, Center for Natural Lands Management, The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, Desert Horticultural Society of the Coachella Valley, Greater Palm Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau, and University of CA Riverside Palm Desert.



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Bats of the Coachella Valley

| Species Name | Status |
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| Big brown bat <i>Eptesicus fuscus</i> | |
| California leaf-nosed bat <i>Macrotus californicus</i> | BLM Sensitive CA Species of Special Concern |
| California myotis <i>Myotis californicus</i> | |
| Canyon bat <i>Parastrellus hesperus</i> | |
| Fringed myotis <i>Myotis thysanodes</i> | BLM Sensitive USFS Sensitive |
| Hoary bat <i>Lasiurus cinereus</i> | |
| Little brown myotis <i>Myotis lucifugus</i> | |
| Long-eared myotis <i>Myotis evotis</i> | BLM Sensitive |
| Long-legged myotis <i>Myotis volans</i> | |
| Mexican free-tailed bat <i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i> | |
| Pallid bat <i>Antrozous pallidus</i> | BLM Sensitive USFS Sensitive CA Species of Special Concern |
| Big free-tailed bat <i>Nyctinomops macrotis</i> | CA Species of Special Concern |
| Silver-haired bat <i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i> | |
| Spotted bat <i>Euderma maculatum</i> | BLM Sensitive CA Species of Special Concern |
| Townsend's big-eared bat <i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i> | BLM Sensitive USFS Sensitive CA Species of Special Concern |
| Western bonneted (mastiff) bat <i>Eumops perotis</i> | BLM Sensitive CA Species of Special Concern |
| Western red bat <i>Lasiurus blossevellii</i> | CA Species of Special Concern |
| Western small-footed myotis <i>Myotis ciliolabrum</i> | BLM Sensitive |
| Western yellow bat <i>Lasiurus xanthinus</i> | CA Species of Special Concern |
| Yuma myotis <i>Myotis yumanensis</i> | BLM Sensitive |

Fun Bat-tastic

Facts:

There are over 1,300 species of bats in the world.

Bats represent over 20% of all mammals on the planet.

Within the Coachella Valley, we have about 1.5% of Earth's bat diversity, with 20 bat species found within our own backyards!



California leaf-nosed bat (*Macrotus californicus*):

Loss of desert riparian habitat in the Coachella Valley has reduced local populations.