



GOT BATS? HERE ARE YOUR OPTIONS:

OPTION 1. LET BATS STAY



Bats provide many important services for people, including insect control. However, both common bat species in Prince Edward Island are currently listed as endangered. So, to protect bats, they should be left in their building roosts whenever possible. How to live with bats:

- Prevent a build-up of guano (bat droppings) by strategically placing plastic sheeting to protect surfaces and assist in guano collection for annual disposal.
- Prevent bats from entering the living space by sealing openings with galvanised (steel) wire mesh.



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EXCLUSION GUIDELINES FOR BATS

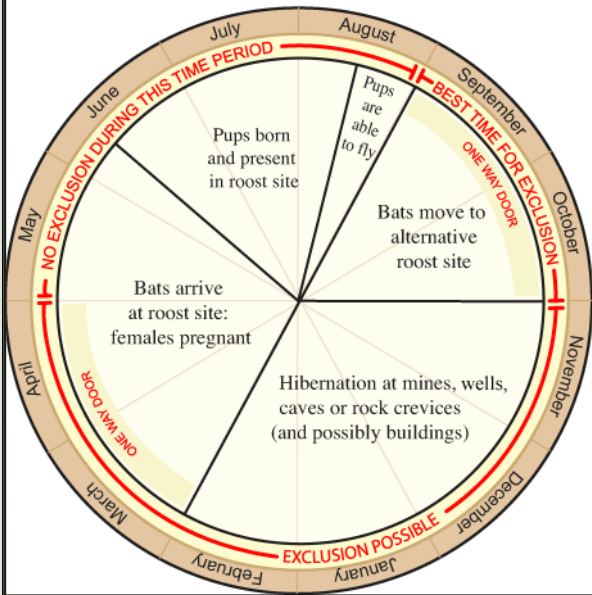


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OPTION 2. SAFELY REMOVE BATS



If there is a bat-related human health or structural concern, it may be necessary to remove bats from a building. **To protect human and bat health, call 1-833-434-BATS (2287) to be put in contact with an appropriately trained pest control operator and the local wildlife division. How to exclude bats:**

Step 1. Identify entry and exit points by watching where bats leave the structure just after sunset.

Step 2. Evict bats using one-way exit devices kept in place for a minimum of 5-7 nights. Bat exclusions should only take place from the beginning of September until the end of April to prevent killing bats (see adjacent diagram).

Step 3. Seal the roost. Remove the exit devices and seal all entry and exit points using galvanised (steel) wire mesh.

OPTION 3. CREATE BAT HABITAT



Homeowners can encourage bats to roost on their property by making it attractive to bats. Bat-friendly changes include:

- Creating new roosting opportunities by providing bat houses.
- Enriching bat habitat by keeping dead or dying trees and supplying a water source such as a small pond.
- Improving food availability by planting a garden with native plants that attract the insects bats like to eat.

Call 1-833-434-BATS (2287) to report your bat sightings!!

KEY FEATURES OF A BAT HOUSE

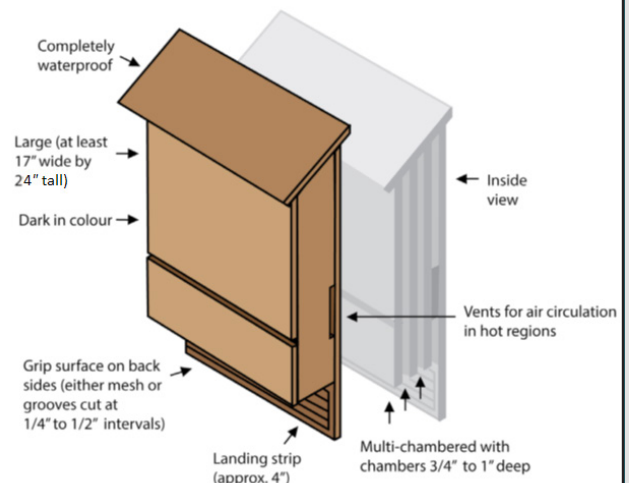


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