

Washington Bats Need Your Help!

A devastating bat disease called White-Nose Syndrome is now in Washington

- White-Nose Syndrome is a fungal disease that has killed millions of bats in eastern North America.
- The first case was confirmed in Washington in March 2016.
- The disease does not pose a threat to humans, pets, or other animals.

Report Your Bat Sighting

If you find a sick or dead bat, or a group of bats, report your observation to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

wdfw.wa.gov/bats or (360) 902-2515

NEVER ATTEMPT TO HANDLE A LIVE BAT!

If you must touch a dead bat, wear gloves for protection.



Photo: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

How you can help

- Whenever possible, avoid entering areas where bats may live to limit potential of spreading disease and disturbance of roosting bats.
- If you come into contact with crevices in rock cliffs, talus areas, caves or mines, please clean your gear. If possible use the decontamination guidelines at www.whitenosesyndrome.org.



To learn more about White-Nose Syndrome
and Washington bats visit:

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