



PUT UP A BAT HOUSE

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Would you like to help bats?

Welcome them with a bat house!

A bat house is a shelter in which bats can sleep together during the day.

The advantages of a bat house:

- It offers an alternate habitat to bats if you must displace a colony from your home.
- It helps maintain bat populations as their populations are in decline.
- It helps alleviate the growing scarcity and lack of natural habitats for bats.
- It gives your local environment natural and effective insect control.
- It ensures control of insects that attack our crops, gardens, and ornamental plants.



A bat consumes an average of 600 insects per hour!

The success of bat houses varies. There is no guarantee that bats will adopt any given bat house.

To maximize your chances of success:

- Place the bat house facing south or south-east where there is the most sun available.
- Clear the space around the bat house, so there are no branches or obstacles in the way of the bats.
- Install the bat house at minimum height of 2 m from the ground.
- Be patient; if after a few years, the bat house is not being used, change its location.
- Avoid disturbing the occupants of the bat house.
- If your bat house does become occupied, register your colony!

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For more information, and to consult detailed plans for building a bat house or to register your colony, visit the website **batwatch.ca**



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