



DO YOU FEAR THEIR PRESENCE?

Do bats frighten you?

It's okay!

Victims of false beliefs, bats, are still feared, yet these fears are often unfounded.

Some widely held myths:

Bats get caught in your hair: FALSE!

Bats seek to avoid us. They can, however, come quite close when catching insects that are flying around our heads. Bats are not blind, and thanks to their ability to echolocate, they can detect and avoid an obstacle as small as a human hair in complete darkness!

Most bats have rabies: FALSE!

Less than 1% of bats are infected or are carriers of the disease. Nevertheless, you should always be careful, and you should never touch a bat.

Bats cause damage to buildings: FALSE!

Bats are not rodents, and they do not cause damage to wooden structures, nor do they chew on electric wires or other materials. They only use space that is not being used by humans. Furthermore, they only have one or two babies per year, so they do not reproduce quickly.

Quebec bats drink our blood: FALSE!

In Quebec, all bats feed on insects. In the tropics, only three species feed on small amounts of blood from animals.



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