

Bat Facts!

The two most common bat species in New Brunswick are the **Little Brown Bat** and the **Big Brown Bat**.

Bats are **nocturnal** animals, which means they are most active at night. They are also **insectivores**, with a diet of mostly insects like moths, flies, mosquitoes, mayflies, beetles, and midges. Some bats can even eat as much as their own weight in insects in one night, such as the Little Brown Bat!

Have you ever heard of **echolocation**? This is how bats find their prey at night when it is difficult to see. High frequency **sound waves** are sent out from their mouths that are too high-pitched for humans to hear. These waves will bounce off all nearby objects (walls, trees, other animals and insects) and reflect back to the bats. This system is so sensitive that they can not only determine the location of their prey, but also what type of prey it is based on size!



Little Brown Bat



Big Brown Bat

