

Be a Summer Bat Counter

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Help biologists understand NH bat colonies and participate in a backyard bat count this summer when you are grilling and chilling outside. The best time to build a bat roost is now so you will be ready to install with the rest of your spring landscaping. Bats control mosquitoes in your yard as you will see them dart back and forth above head, eating those pests in the dusk sky.

Starting in June mark a reminder in your calendar to look up when the sun goes down and see if you have any bats. Understanding that pesticides harm these beneficials and installing a bat house in a high sunny spot can help prevent a declining population and get them out of your attic at the same time!

Check out these links to [build a bat house](#) or [participate in a bat count](#) this summer.

For more information on bats, visit the NH Fish and Game Website

<https://wildlife.state.nh.us/nongame/bats-nh.html>

Looking to get out outdoors locally?

Visit the conservation commission website “Property Info” to find trail maps and directions to the 4 conservation properties. <https://www.raymondnh.gov/conservation-commission>

Anything else?