



How to:

Make a Bat Box

Additional Info.

- As long as the box has room, a way for the bats to hold on, and can be hung up high, get creative!
- Weather proofing (through painting and sealing the edges) helps the box to last longer



Iowa bats

- There are 7 insectivore bats in Iowa! The Indiana bat, Red bat, Hoary bat, Big brown bat, Little brown bat, Silverhaired bat, and Tricolored bat.

First you'll need...

- Wood (be it plywood, 2x4's, natural logs with bark, etc.)
- Nails (or screws) and a hammer (or drill)

Now put it all together:

- Find resources for blueprints and websites you can find more in depth details on how to make your own bat box on the next page!

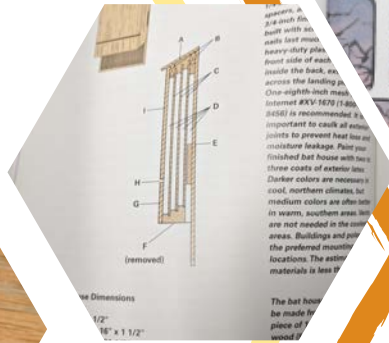
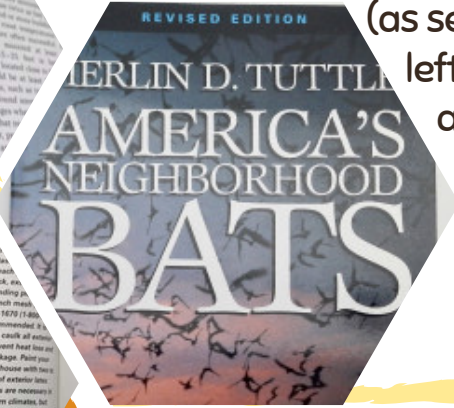


Mexican Long-Tongued & Lesser Long-Nosed Bats ~US Native~

- Most pollinating bats are from Africa, SE Asia, & the Pacific Islands
- These nectar-feeding bats travel thousands of miles from Mexico into Arizona, New Mexico, & Texas every year

For great bat facts...

- We recommend finding America's Neighborhood Bats by Merlin D. Tuttle
- You can find bat box blueprints (as seen to the left) in there and more!



Recommendations:

- If you do choose to paint, think about the colors...
 - Darker colors help warm the box faster in colder locations
 - Lighter colors help keep it cooler longer in warmer areas
- When hanging the box, try to face it East, so it can get the early morning sun (especially in the Midwest or farther North)



For a variety of design instructions...

- Check out this article full of 37 free bat box plans! -->

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- morningchores.com/bat-house-plans/