

WILDLIFE X-POSURE

WILD KIDZ VIDZ ACTIVITY SHEET



BATS

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- * Xavier's bat Petrie is a **MEGABAT** which means she is a _____ species of bat.
 - * The bats Xavier showed us in the "bat boxes" in the trees are **MICROBATS** which means they are _____ bats.
 - * Do you agree with Luca? Do you think bats are "cute" _____

What did we learn about bats from Xavier, Jacques and Luca?

- * Bats are M__M__A__S.
- * Megabats are fruit and nectar eaters called F__U__I__O__E__ and N__C__A__I__O__E__, but Microbats are different, eating _____
- * The fruit eating bats have long _____ to lick up juices and nectar.
- * What do you think Microbats might need to catch and eat their food? _____

- * Megabats help forests grow by spreading _____ and _____
 - * Grey headed flying foxes like Petrie are intelligent, social bats that literally hang around with their “friends” in the trees. These groups are called _____
 - * They hang upside down to _____
 - * Bats are the only mammals that can _____
 - * Some people think that bats are dangerous disease carriers, but bats actually disinfect themselves by doing what? Something we might find a bit unpleasant!
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Impressive wingspan, don't you agree. Does it remind you of any sport?

Why is this picture a bit unusual for a bat? (Hint: look at the sky)

- * Bats' wings are made of _____
 - * Their wingspan can be up to _____ wide.
 - * Some species of megabats are now listed as threatened as their populations have decreased dramatically by _____ over the last century.
 - * What are some of the reasons for this drop in the populations?
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MICROBATS look a little different to MEGABATS.

Maybe you have seen them flying around the skies at dusk. Most people mistake them for small birds.

Being NOCTURNAL they would be out hunting for food at that time.

SENSE AND NONSENCE: FACT OR FICTION

Bats are blind NO!

Bats have the best hearing of all land animals YES!

Bats can locate food in the dark using ECHOLLOCATION, like radar YES!

A bat can eat up to 1200 mosquitoes in an hour YES!

Bats suck your blood NO!



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