

Bats - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

MUSIC: "HINTERLAND WHO'S WHO" THEME

ANNOUNCER: (V.O.):

You've probably heard people say that bats are blind. The truth is these winged-mammals see very well.

[Bat flying in a cavern]

But to catch bugs in the dark they need some extra help.

[Graphic demonstration of how echolocation works. Showing a bat, the insect and the sound waves bouncing back and forth]

Bats beam sound waves into the air and listen for the echo bouncing off flying insects. This is called echolocation, and it tells bats exactly where to find their bug buffet.

[Host in a tool shop]

Every night bats consume about half their body weight in insects. That would be like me eating seven bags of apples a day.

[Host grabbing a big bag of apples]

Because bats are good bug catchers, they're really helpful to have around. If there's no natural habitat nearby, then you can give them a home by building a bat box. And that's just a start.

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