

Building Bat Houses

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Bats are some of the world's most fascinating creatures. There are more than 750 species of bats known around the world—more than one-quarter of all mammal species! They are the only mammals who can actually fly and live on every continent except Antarctica. This website is dedicated to protecting and conserving bats around the world. The website is full of information and contains many articles and activities for classroom use.

One important project they have started is **The Bat House Project**. It was created to enhance the public's knowledge of providing artificial habitats for bats. Through this project, people can build and put up bat houses around their home or schools, observe the bats, and submit information to Bat Conservation International. They use the information to publish The Bat House Data Report and in newsletters published on the web about the species and numbers of bats using the bat houses.

You can easily build a bat house for your home or school. It could also be a classroom project for your students. Download the instructions from Bat Conservation International for the **Small Economy Bat House**. They are simple and easy to follow.