

Faces of Bat Week:

Indiana Bat

Myotis sodalis



Photo by Ryan Haggerty, USFWS

Background

Indiana bats are a small, insect-eating bats that live in North America. In the winter, they hibernate in caves and abandoned mines, and in the summer they roost under loose bark or in tree hollows. They are currently listed as an endangered species in the United States.

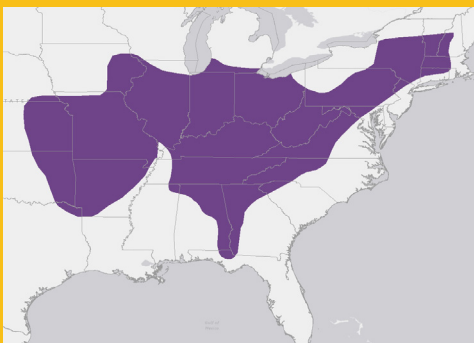
Current Threats

- White-nose syndrome
- Colony disturbance & harassment
- Pesticide poisoning
- Loss of summer roosting habitat
- Climate change

How You Can Help

- Plant trees used by Indiana bats
- Reduce/eliminate pesticide use
- Spread the word about Bat Week!

Range



Fun Facts

The Covia Holdings Corporation Magazine Mine, a closed underground mine in Illinois, is home to nearly 70,000 Indiana bats!

Female Indiana bats usually give birth to only one pup each year.

Indiana bats are tiny, measuring just a few inches long and weighing about the same as just 3 pennies.

