

Faces of Bat Week:

Mexican long-nosed bat

Leptonycteris nivalis



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Background

The Mexican long-nosed bat is one of several nectar-eating bats found in North America, feeding on nectar, pollen, and fruits of flowering desert species like agave and cacti. These migratory bats primarily live in Mexico and are only found north of the border from June-August. They are currently listed as endangered in the United States and threatened in Mexico.

Current Threats

- Loss of food resources like agave
- Loss and disturbance of roosting sites
- Climate change

How You Can Help

- Plant agave in foraging areas and along migration routes
- Protect slow-growing desert species
- Spread the word about Bat Week!

Range



Fun Facts

This species has a long tongue about the same length as its entire body, which it uses to access nectar deep within desert flowers.

These bats hover in front of plants just like hummingbirds do in order to feed on nectar.

The Mexican long-nosed bat is the largest nectar-eating bat species in the Americas.

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