

# Faces of Bat Week:

## Townsend's Big-eared Bat

*Corynorhinus townsendii*



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### Background

Townsend's big-eared bats are a charismatic species with marvelously large ears and prominent, bilateral nose lumps. Two subspecies are listed as endangered in the United States - the Virginia big-eared bat and the Ozark big-eared bat, which inhabit the central Appalachian and Ozark regions of the U.S.

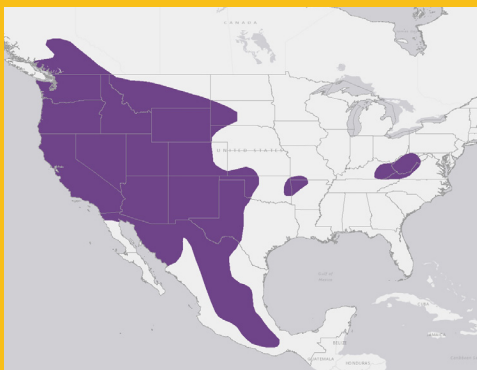
### Current Threats

- Ecosystem conversion and degradation
- Disturbance/destruction of roost sites (e.g., recreational caving, mining)

### How You Can Help

- Do not disturb roosting bats
- Plant native flowers to attract insects
- Spread the word about bats and Bat Week!

### Range



### Fun Facts

These bats are also known as "ram-eared bats" because when they are sleeping, the ears are often rolled down and back across the head, mimicking ram horns.

These insectivorous bats use "stealth echolocation" to outsmart their prey's defenses, like sonar jamming and evasive maneuvers. Their low-intensity echolocation calls allow them to detect prey before prey detect them!

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