



BAT ACTIVITY TRENDS

Community Science Program



How do I know if I am seeing a bat or a bird?

- **Size** - Our bats are small; larger than a Robin is probably a bird.
- **Flight Pattern** - Bats fly more erratically than birds, who will swoop and dive but fly in straighter lines. Bats zig and zag while chasing insects.
- **Wings** - Bat never stop flapping their wings! Birds will glide or pull wings in to dive.
- **Silhouette** - track the animal you are watching, and you will see the telltale bat shape! Bat wings connect at the ankles not the sides (birds).
- **Time** - Small birds will stop flying and head to bed soon after sunset. Watch the skies before your observation and you will see nature's shift change!



Is it a bat? Or is it a bird?