

7 Facts about Bats

1. Bats are the only mammals capable of true flight.
2. There are almost 1,000 bat species worldwide. There are eight species of bats found in Saskatchewan.
3. Bats can be found almost anywhere in the world except the polar-regions and extreme deserts.
4. White Nose Syndrome (fungus located on noses) is a disease associated with the deaths of millions of bats.
5. Bats use a variety of landscapes or habitats throughout the year as they feed, roost and travel.
6. Bats eat insects, vertebrates, fruit and nectar. A single brown bat can eat up to 1,000 mosquitoes in one hour.
7. Some "Vampire Bats" in South America feed on the blood of cows, pigs, horses or birds. But the blood sucking does not hurt the animal.

Source:
www.defenders.org
www.bats.org.uk
www.kids.nationalgeographic.com



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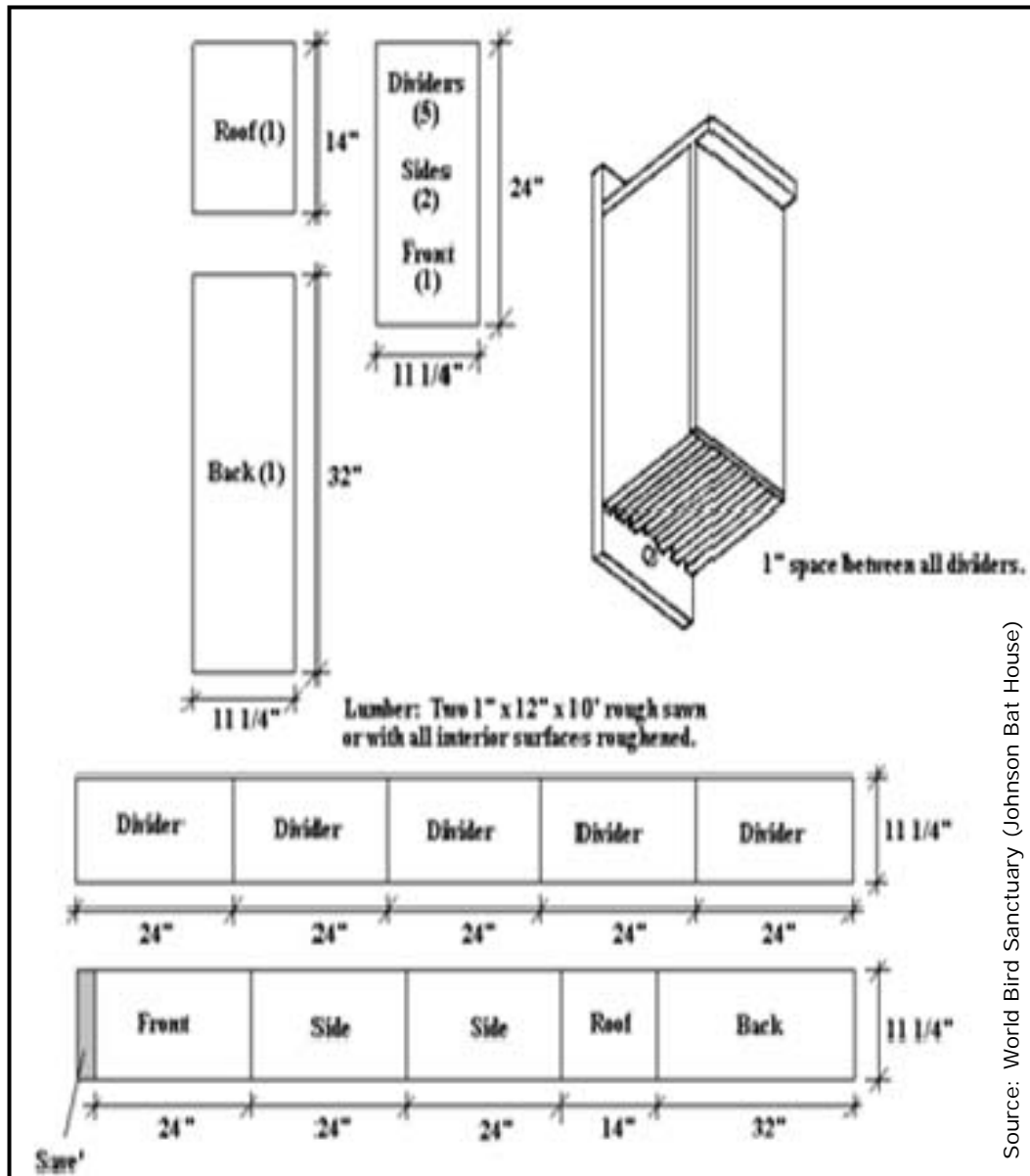
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Big Brown Bat
(Photo: www.flickr.com/photos/cotinis/)

How to Build: A Bat Roost Box



Source: World Bird Sanctuary (Johnson Bat House)

You will need:

- Lumber: Two 1" x 12" x 10'
- Screws, wood glue
- Table saw
- Drill and drill bits
- Caulking and caulking gun
- Paint and paint brushes

Using a saw, cut the board to the dimensions as shown (left).

Roughen inside of back board and landing by cutting horizontal grooves with sharp object or saw.

Attach the dividers to the back, caulking first. Use clear wood glue and place dividers 3/4" apart.

Caulk all outside joints to further seal roost chamber.

Attach a roof, use screws to secure the front and sides together.

Paint the exterior black, dark brown or gray to attract bats.

Mount box on poles or on a building at least 12 feet above the ground (ideally near a water source and south or east facing). Do not mount on a tree.

You can help encourage bats by planting flowers that attract insects for bats to feed on.

Source: <http://cwf-fcf.org/en/>

Find more ideas for nest boxes here:

<http://www.redberrylake.ca/exploreus/hikingtrailstips.php>

