

**Scientific name:** *Little Forest Bat (Vespadelus vulturnus)*

**Animal name (if you gave it a name):** *Matt – the bat*



**Animal class:**

- Mammalia

**Characteristics of this class are (mention at least three if you can):**

*Mammals 1. have fur on their body, 2. are warm-blooded and 3. produce milk to feed their babies.*

**Seize:** *It fits in a match box*

**Habitat** *The animal needs most of all insects to eat and tree hollows to sleep*

**Animal movement:** *Flying*

**Diet:** *Eats insects = insectivore*

**Does the animal have predators? Is it endangered?**

*Yes, cats or nocturnal birds. But this species is not listed as endangered.*

**Do you know how the young are born and what their name is?**

*Bats give birth to living young, the young are called pups*

**Do you know the role of the animal in the ecosystem and what would be if it does not exist anymore?**

*Bats are important insect predators. This is very important for example in agricultural areas, where lots of so called pest insects eat crops or even around wetlands where many mosquitoes are biting people. Without bats, we would have much more insects in these areas – and therefore a high loss of crops or many bites during our wetland visits.*

**The Animal and You** *(Please delete the statements that do not apply to you)*

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- I liked the animal before I started observing it
- I want to learn how to protect this animal and/or to create a habitat in our backyard
- I chose this one because I enjoyed observing it