

# Bats of the Chihuahuan Desert

## Related Vocabulary



**adaptation** – any change to a structure, form, or organism to fit in a changed environment

**anatomy** – the structure of an animal or plant, or any of its parts

**biology** – the science of life or living matter in all its forms

**bird** – a warm blooded animal with feathers, forelimbs modified into wings, scaly legs, a beak, no teeth, and bearing young in a hard-shelled egg

**capillary action** – the ability of a liquid to flow in narrow spaces without help from, and sometimes even working against, gravity

**crepuscular** – of, relating to, or resembling twilight; relating to animals that appear or are active at twilight

**diurnal** – of, or relating to, a day or daily; relating to animals that are active by daylight

**echolocation** – the method of locating objects by using high-pitched sounds that bounce off the object and return to the animal's ears or other sensory receptors

**emit** – to send forth (as in sound); to release a sound; to utter or voice

**forage** – the act of searching for food or supplies of any kind

**frequency** – the number of cycles completed per unit

**habitat** – the natural environment of an organism; the place where a person or thing lives or can be found

**hertz** – the standard unit of frequency equal to one cycle per second

**hollow** – having a space or cavity inside; not solid; an empty space within a thing

**mammal** – any vertebrate whose body more or less is covered with hair, feeds the young with milk, and, in general, gives birth to live young

**membrane** – a thin, flexible sheet or layer of tissue serving to line an organ or connect parts

**misconception** – an incorrect thought or belief

**navigate** – to move on, over, or through; to direct or manage on a course

**nocturnal** – of, or relating to nighttime; relating to animals that are active at night; occurring at night

**prey** – an animal hunted or seized for food

**roosting** – to perch or sit

**shelter** – something beneath, behind, or within which a person or animal uses for protection from storms, or adverse conditions

**sound wave** – in physics, the flexible wave that produces an audible sound