

# Why Bats Matter!

Bat wingspans range from 6 inches to 6 feet

6 inches



length of a dollar bill

6 feet



length of two guitars

Bats pollinate more than

5000

species of plants

Up to 95%

of "pioneer plants" grow from seeds dispersed by bats in cleared Latin American rainforests.

Bats play essential roles in keeping populations of night-flying insects in balance worldwide.

Bats save U.S. farmers \$23 billion

annually in pesticides & reduced crop damage



78 bat species are **ENDANGERED** WORLDWIDE

1,300+ different bat species

& 32% of U.S. bat species call WY home!

Bats live on all continents except Antarctica.



> 20% of all mammal species are bats

Most bats only have one pup each year.

FRAGILE

