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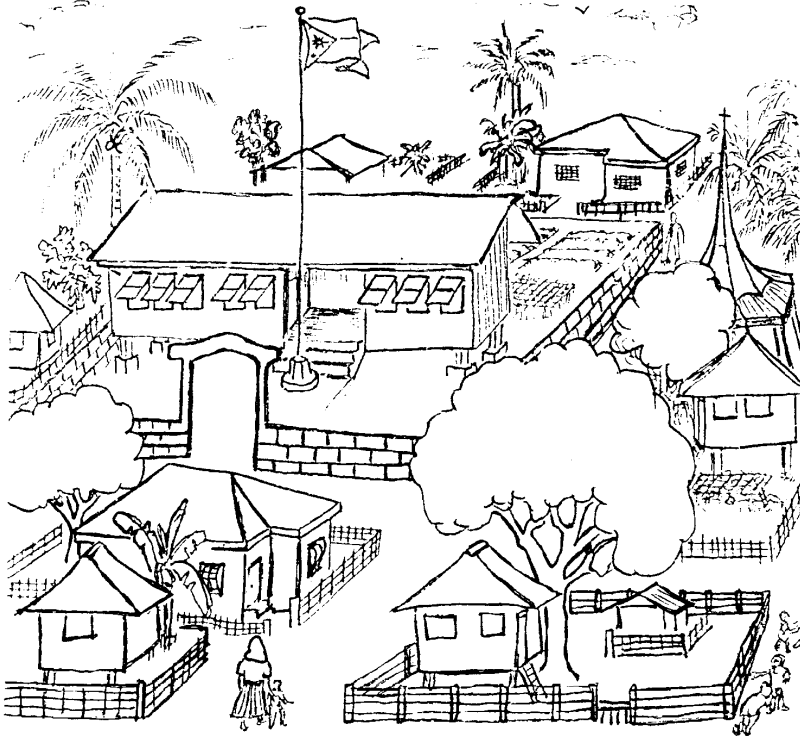


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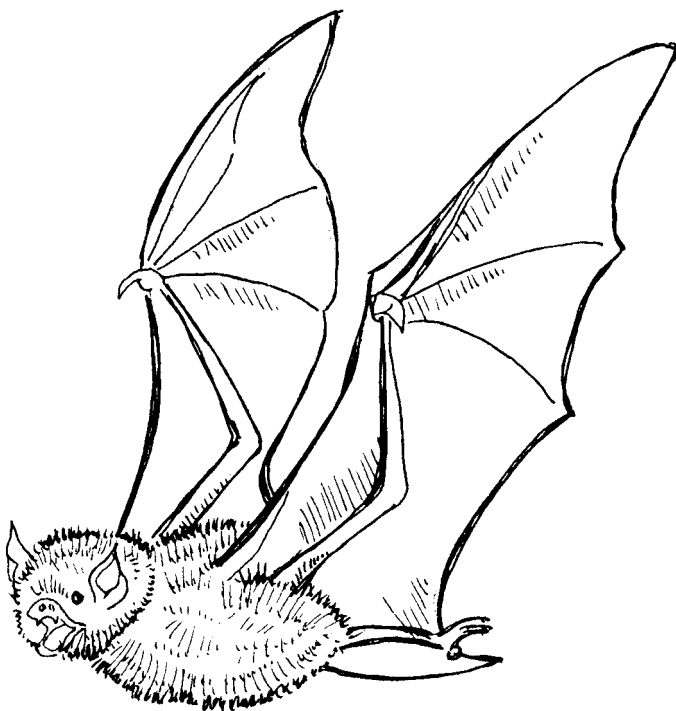
Bats are flying mammals with webbed wings. They live almost anywhere in the world. They usually prefer warm weather.

Bats cannot see well. But they can hear and smell very well. They make sounds that bounce off of things.



The sounds echo back to the bat. This helps them with directions, and it also keeps them from flying into things.

There may be 100 to 1000 bats living in a group. Most sleep upside down during the day.

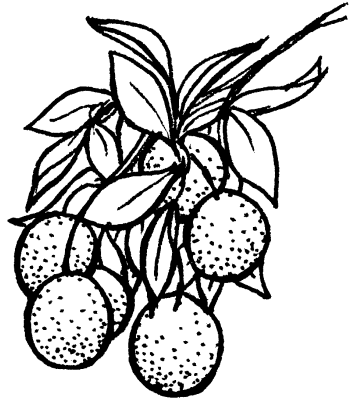
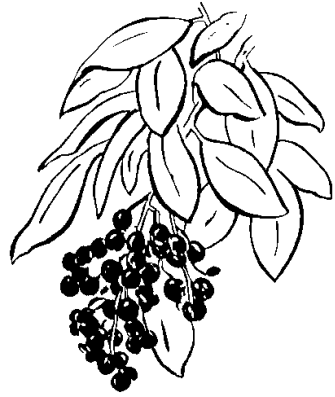


They look for food at night.

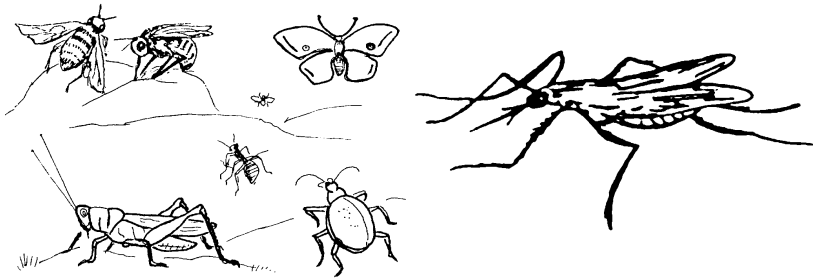
There are many different kinds of bats. Flying foxes are the largest group of bats.



Their wingspan is five to six feet, and they can weigh more than two pounds.



These larger bats eat mostly fruits.



Smaller bats eat mostly insects. They can eat as many as 1000 bugs in an hour. This is good because many of these insects destroy crops and carry diseases.

Be careful not to touch a bat because they may carry diseases as well.



Bats give birth to live young, usually one at a time. The babies drink milk from their mother until they are able to hunt for themselves.



Bats may live twenty to thirty years.

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