

## Bats are Back, back again!

### *Bat Activity Trends announces this year's list of sunset meetups*

Join Woodland Park Zoo's **Bat Activity Trends (BAT) program** to see bats all around the Seattle area. Bats are nocturnal animals who are most active during the summer, with peak activity from June to August!

Bat Activity Trends is here to spread information about these creatures of the night, as well as monitor bat activity in the area and empower you to be a community scientist.

For the months of August and September, come and participate in these events all around the Seattle area!



#### **Seward Park Audubon Center Bat Treks**

- Every other Wednesday from June 28 – September 6.
- Program timing varies over the summer as the official sunset time changes. [Check the Seward Park Audubon events page](#) for registration and more details. Registration is required.
- Lasts for 1.5 hours depending on weather and bat activity.

#### **Bat Talk and Community Science at Green Lake**

- Every other Thursday from July 6 – August 31.
- Program timing varies over the summer as the official sunset time changes. [Visit the Bats NW events page](#) for exact timing for each walk.
- Program lasts 1.5-2 hours depending on weather and bat activity.

#### **Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands Bat Night**

- Friday, September 1 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Location: Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands, 5513 S Cloverdale St, Seattle, WA 98118
- No registration needed, just bring your bat enthusiasm!  
<https://tilthalliance.org/event/bat-night/>

#### **Green Tukwila BAT night**

- Wednesday, September 6 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Hybrid event: Bat talk will be available at the community center or online.
- Bat walk will be on a paved trail around the Tukwila Community Center. Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for the outdoors.
- Location: Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave S, Tukwila, WA 98168
- Register [here](#).

#### **HOW:**

Visit [www.zoo.org/batactivity](http://www.zoo.org/batactivity) to find more details about how to attend the sunset meetups. It's not a guarantee you'll see bats, but you will still learn many cool facts about these fascinating creatures and help contribute to our growing knowledge of local bat activity.

You can also participate in Bat Activity Trends on your own at home by downloading a participation packet and learning how to document bat activity. Simply go for a walk, visit a park or watch for bats in your backyard

to document activity to send to the zoo. All the materials you'll need are available for free on our [BAT program website](#).

The program focuses on building a map of participants' data from King County, but data submissions from anywhere in the United States are accepted.

**INFO:**

Washington state is home to 14 bat species, 10 of which can be found statewide; four occur only in Eastern Washington. All Washington bats are insectivores, meaning they feed on insects.

Bats are one of the most diverse groups of mammals in the animal kingdom and are essential to our ecosystem as pollinators, seed dispersers and pest controllers. Their nocturnal nature makes them a bit more mysterious than other creatures, and they often don't get the credit they deserve.

Bat populations face many threats around the world, including habitat destruction, wind turbine disruption, climate change and light pollution. In addition, the emergence of white-nose syndrome (WNS) in the eastern U.S. in 2006 has killed millions of bats. WNS was first discovered in Washington state in 2016. Scientists are still determining the impacts on Washington bats and this new program will help with that effort.

To learn more about bats and the efforts to save the species visit [www.zoo.org/batconservation](http://www.zoo.org/batconservation).

**HOW TO PROTECT BATS:**

- *Share about bats:* One of the biggest steps you can take to help bats is to learn about them and share information with friends and family. Fear and misunderstanding can harm bats, so it's important to educate everyone about all the good things bats do for us.
- *Provide a home:* You can provide a habitat for bats in your yard by leaving hollow trees and snags standing or [installing a bat house](#). Keep cats indoors and reduce your use of pesticides or other chemicals in your yard.
- *Contribute to research:* Get involved with the [Bat Activity Trends](#) program and help us learn more about bats in Western Washington.

Woodland Park Zoo offers a safe, outdoor experience for all. Visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) for information.

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