## **Bats**

Bats only come out at night. This means they are nocturnal. Bats come out when you are getting ready for bed. In the morning, bats are getting ready to sleep for the day. A lot of people are afraid of bats. Maybe they are scared because bats are night creatures. You don't have to fear bats. They are gentle creatures. They are helpful creatures. Bats are small. They are no bigger than the size of a thumb. Their wings stretch out as far as two hands spread out. The wings are twice the size of its body. The bat's wings are really its hands! The wings have finger-like bones in them. This helps bats to fly in any pattern. A bat flies like it is swimming. It pushes both wings down and backward. Bats have one baby a year. The babies are called pups. Bats can live up to thirty years!