

## RECOMMENDED SITES FOR BAT HOUSES

- If bats can be seen occasionally at dusk or are known to be nearby, that location will likely support a bat house.
- Place the bat house at least 10 feet above ground in an open area orientated south-southeast where it receives at least 7 hours of direct morning sun.
- The bat house will be more attractive to bats if it is within 1,500 feet of a permanent pond or stream. Bats need a drink of fresh water on very hot days.
- Habitat diversity will also attract bats. A combination of forests, clearings, wetlands will produce different types of insect activity at different times throughout the summer.
- The bat house should be within 10-30 yards of a tree line to provide quick cover from predators, such as owls.
- Bats will only use the house in the spring, summer and early fall.

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