

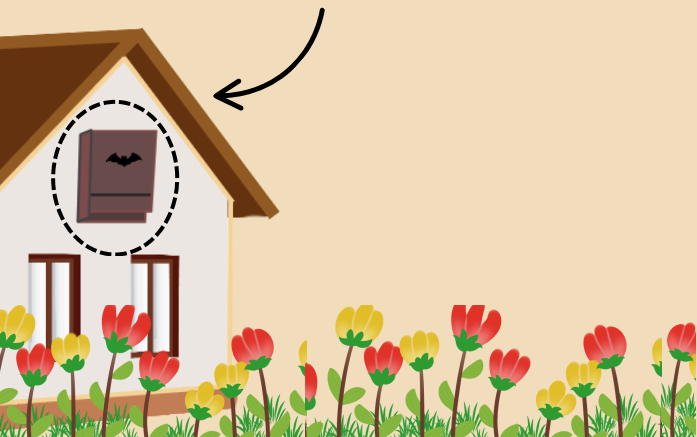
## STAY ORGANIC

Bats are the primary consumer of nighttime insects and natural form of pest control, so **avoid pesticides and insecticides** to support bats at work!

## PROVIDE A HOME

If safe to do so, **keep standing deadwood and older trees** as they provide lots of roosting opportunities for bats.

You can also provide some roosting alternatives, like building and installing a **bat house!**



## KEEP IT DARK

Artificial light at night can disrupt and disorient bats and other wildlife. Reduce light pollution and **turn your lights off** to foster a safe environment for wildlife.

### MORE INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

- *New Brunswick Invasive Species Council and Nova Scotia Invasive Species Council - Grow Me Instead, New Brunswick & Nova Scotia ed.*
- *Bat Conservation International - Guide to Gardening for Bats*

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## GUIDE TO

# BAT-FRIENDLY



# GARDENS

## NOVA SCOTIA





**Bats, like many other wildlife, are threatened by factors like climate change, habitat loss, and disease.**

There are many ways you can get involved to help save our flying friends, and every effort to support bats and other wildlife makes a big difference in promoting biodiversity. One way to contribute is by making your yard into a **bat-friendly space**.

**Did you know that many bats can eat more than their body weight in insects each night?** Creating a space for insects in turn creates a space for bats!

## PLANT NATIVE FLORA



For flowering plants, opt for ones that have **bright or white flowers**, and those that bloom at night. Moths and other nighttime pollinators are more attracted to these plants.

Many tree species also provide habitat for both bats and the insects they eat!



Northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*) is a key host for many moth species!



The common yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*) is native in Nova Scotia and attracts many pollinators!



## LEAVE THE LEAVES



Many insects overwinter or lay their eggs in leaf litter. If you must rake and collect leaves, keeping a pile in your yard can serve as a small refuge for these insects.



### FUN FACT

Some bats will roost in leaf litter in colder periods!