



Sunset Survey



Enjoy your summer with bats!



Bat

Survey details

Date of survey

Survey location (grid ref/post code)

Survey type Sunset Sunrise

How many surveyors?

Did you see bats? Yes No

If you have used a bat detector please specify the model :

If you saw any bats, then please complete the following:

Species (simply write 'bat' if you're not sure)	Type of sighting (please circle)	ID method (please circle)
	In flight / Roost / Swarming / Bat box	Visual / Bat detector / Other
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In flight - bat(s) simply observed in flight; **Roost** - bat(s) observed emerging from a roost such as a building, a tree or other large structure; **Swarming** - bats seen swarming around a structure before sunrise; **Bat box** - bat(s) observed emerging from a bat box.

Did you see any other animals?



Fox



Hedgehog



Rabbit



Stag beetle



Tawny owl



Badger

Enter your results online here: irecord.org.uk/external/bct-sunset-sunrise

Or scan the QR code



Other, please specify if you can:

Thank you for your counts!



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If you have enjoyed this survey and would like to take part in other National Bat Monitoring Programme surveys go to:

<https://nbmp.bats.org.uk/Surveys.aspx>

Ever seen bats enjoying a warm summer around you? If not, this is the time...Get ready!

The Bat Conservation Trust has been counting the UK's bats since 1997, with the help of thousands of volunteers. We need to understand what is happening to our bat populations so that we can work effectively to conserve them.

Taking part in the **Sunset Survey** couldn't be simpler, **you don't need any equipment or experience** and you may not even need to leave your back garden! Simply spend the hour after sunset and/or the hour before sunrise in your garden or watching from your window/balcony and look for any bats or other nocturnal animals you can spot. Alternatively, do a walk or visit a local open space close to home. **IMPORTANT: Please refer our Covid-19 advice, other H&S guidance and further instructions, including videos, at www.bats.org.uk/sunset-sunrise.**

 **You can carry out your survey anytime from April to September.**


This period is when bats are most active. Between June and August is the best time to see them swarming as they return to the roost.

 **You will need:**

- Survey form
- Pencil/pen
- Torch
- Watch

If you are doing your survey in the evening start at sunset. If you are doing your survey at dawn start one hour before sunrise.

To find out the sunset and sunrise times at your location you can enter your nearest city and the word 'sunset' or 'sunrise' into Google, or visit www.bbc.co.uk/weather or www.timeanddate.com/sun and search for your nearest city.

 **Spend an hour looking for bats and any other nocturnal animals you can see or hear.**

Record the animals that you see on the form overleaf. After sunset you may spot bats **emerging** from their roost or **foraging** for food. Before dawn you may see bats **swarming** before they return to their roost - bat swarming is when several bats circle around a building or tree. If you have already completed a survey at sunset and saw bats flying past, then you may be able to locate their roost just before dawn by walking in the direction from which they came and looking out for swarming bats.

 **Which bat is it?**

There are eighteen species of bat in the UK, but you are most likely to see one of five species: common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, brown long-eared bat, noctule or Daubenton's bat. The separate species ID sheet shows you how to tell them apart from their flight pattern and using a bat detector (if you have one). If you do not know which species of bat you have seen simply enter 'bat' on the online data entry form.

 **Send us your results.** Please go to irecord.org.uk/external/bct-sunset-sunrise to send us your results using our online form or scan this QR code:

