

# BATS

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## Jersey Bat Group

### Bats in Jersey

In Jersey we have recorded 14 species so far, with 2 of these having been discovered in the last few years!

Local bats face the same pressures as bats elsewhere in the world. Particularly changes in land use, increased use of pesticides, loss and fragmentation of commuting and foraging routes and changes in the way we build our houses affect Jersey's bats.

Bats are protected locally under the Conservation of Wildlife (Jersey) Law 2000.

### The Jersey Bat Group

The Jersey Bat Group is made up of volunteers who give their time and skills with the aim of conserving and enhancing Jersey's local bat populations.

We do this through monitoring, research and education and there are many great opportunities for getting involved!

### The Jersey Roost Register

So far the only bat roosts we know about locally are in buildings. Although it is likely that bats also roost in trees, caves and natural crevices.

The Jersey Bat Group maintains a register of over 300 known roosts, which we check on to keep track of the health of the roost.

To do this we carry out dusk emergence surveys, where we watch features used by bats to see them emerge and use bat detectors to hear those bats which we can't see!



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### Research

Not much is known about bats in Jersey, for example how they use our woodland sites, where they hibernate, where they roost, even which species are present!

To try and enhance our understanding of bats in Jersey, the Jersey Bat Group undertakes research projects asking specific questions about local bats.

Currently we are just starting our Woodland Project which involves a variety of different surveys including acoustic monitoring, bat box checks and trapping.



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### Get involved!

There are so many ways to get involved with the Jersey Bat Group and to help local bats, a few examples are:

- Come on a public bat walk
- Put up a bat box at home (but be patient!)
- Plant shrubs and flowers which encourage night time insects
- Send us your records of flying bats or bat roosts
- Take a look at our Facebook and web pages
- Take part in one or all of our surveys
- Join us for just £5 a year



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