Protect Bat Habitat with an October Gift of Nature!

OCTOBER 14, 2026 (Dartmouth, NS): Bats are a well-known symbol of “spooky season,” but these days you’re far more likely to see them on Halloween decorations than actually flying in the night sky. Nova Scotia’s bat populations were devastated between 2011 and 2013, when an invasive fungal infection called *white-nose syndrome* reduced their numbers by a disastrous 95%. Protecting safe habitat is one of the most effective ways to support their long road to recovery, and the Nova Scotia Nature Trust has just launched a new symbolic bat adoption that helps bat-lovers do just that!

Nova Scotia is home to three resident and three migratory bat species. All six of these species are insectivores, consuming a huge quantity of insects (sometimes more than their own body weight!) every night and providing natural pest control. Although they play a crucial role in our native ecosystems, all six species are provincially and federally endangered.

Land conservation is one of the best ways to help these little mammals. Saving mature forests and wetlands, keeping habitats connected, and protecting buffers around existing habitat all help give bats safe places to hunt, roost, and raise their young.

The Nova Scotia Nature Trust protects Nova Scotia’s most ecologically important and vulnerable places through private land conservation, including 10 conservation lands that hold critical habitat for bats*, and many more that support their foraging and roosting as well as stopovers for migratory species.

The newly launched Gift of Nature allows supporters to symbolically adopt a Tri-coloured Bat, one of Nova Scotia’s resident species.

The Adopt-a-Bat package includes an official adoption certificate, a waterproof sticker, and a collectible creature fact card, all featuring exclusive artwork by Nova Scotia lettering and mural artist Kristen de Palma (KDP Letters).

All proceeds from the gift support the Nature Trust’s conservation work, which includes protecting bat habitat and keeping it forever wild. Learn more at nsnt.ca/gifts-of-nature/.

* *To protect these extremely endangered and sensitive bat populations, their specific locations cannot be disclosed. Hibernacula locations are considered confidential information by the Department of Natural Resources.*

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