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-es (bounces)
 ou = /ow/ (found)
 ow = /ow/ (brown)

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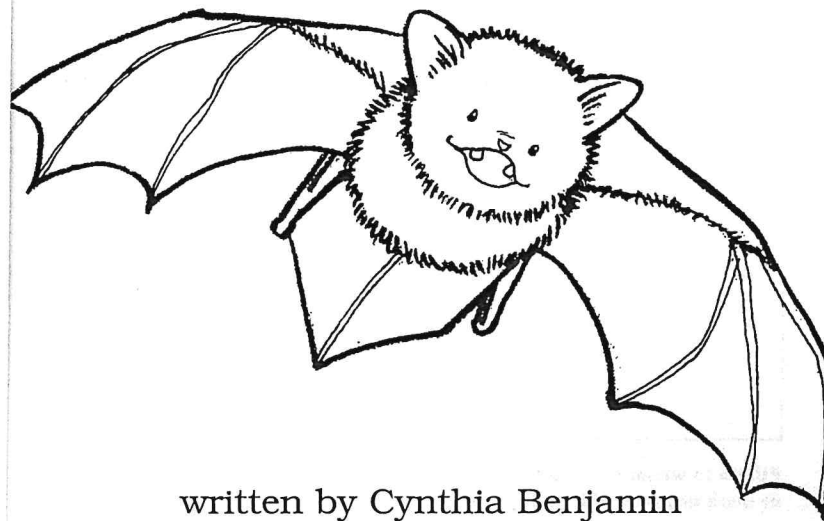
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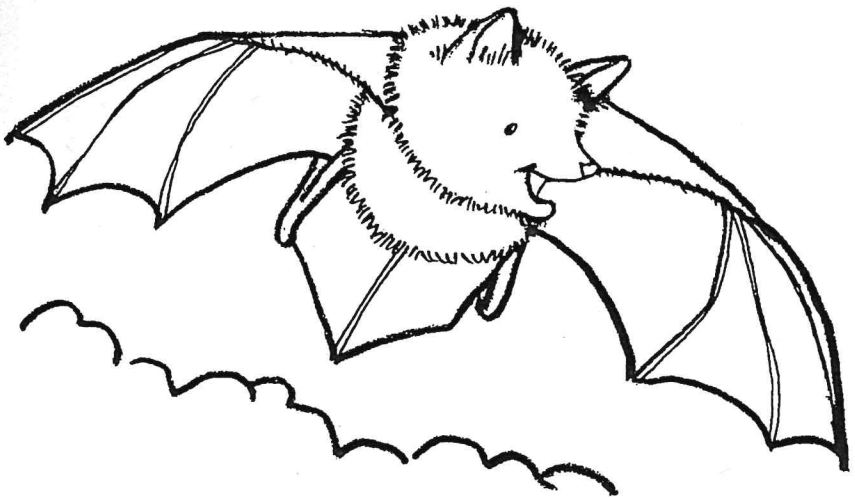
Our Friend, the Little Brown Bat



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a little brown bat

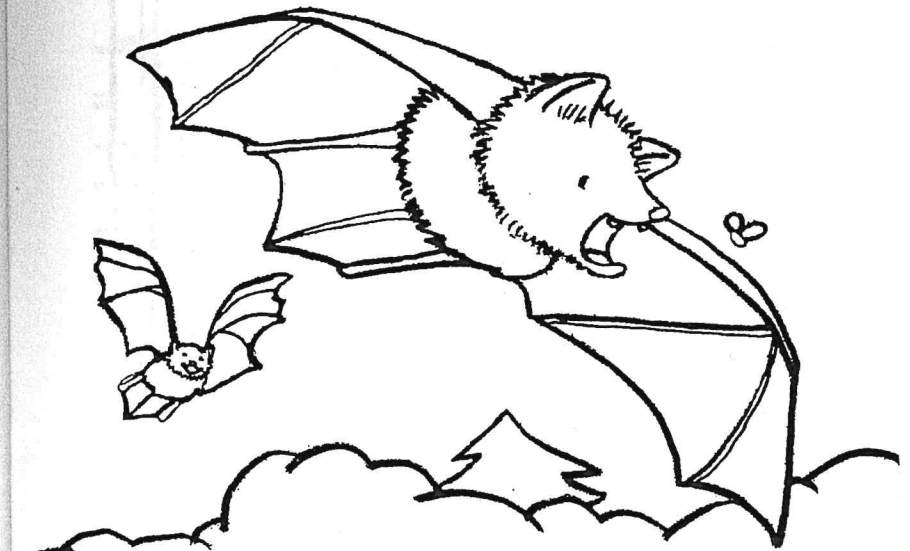
The little brown bat is found in our land. It has wings, but it is not a bird. Bats are mammals, like people.

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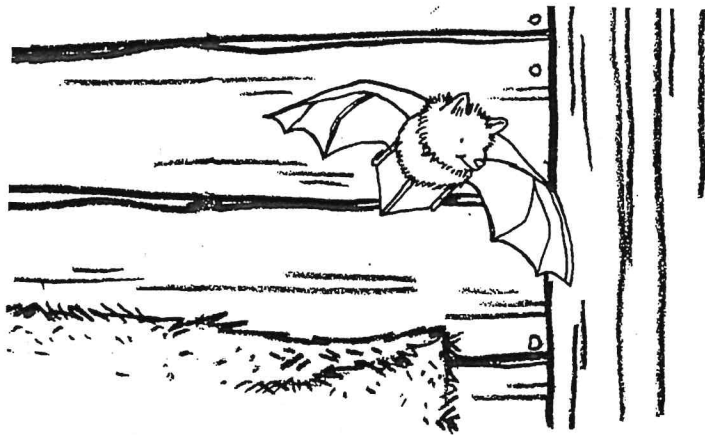


Little brown bats fly around at night. They fly out of caves and barns.



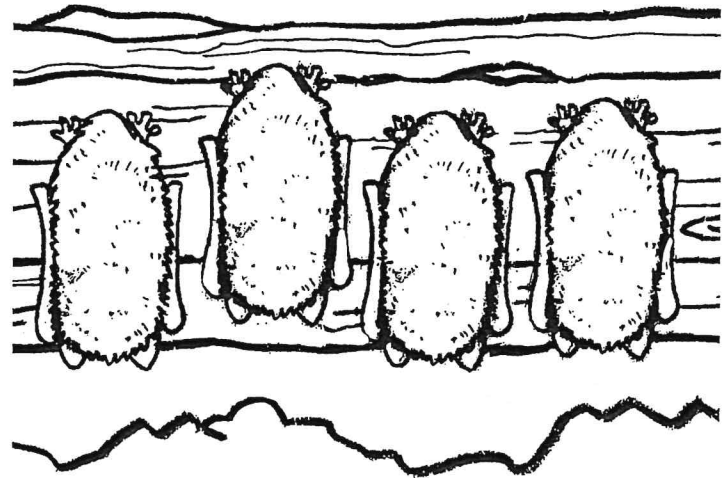
Little brown bats like to eat insects. They swoop down to get bugs.

Bats help us by eating lots of bugs.



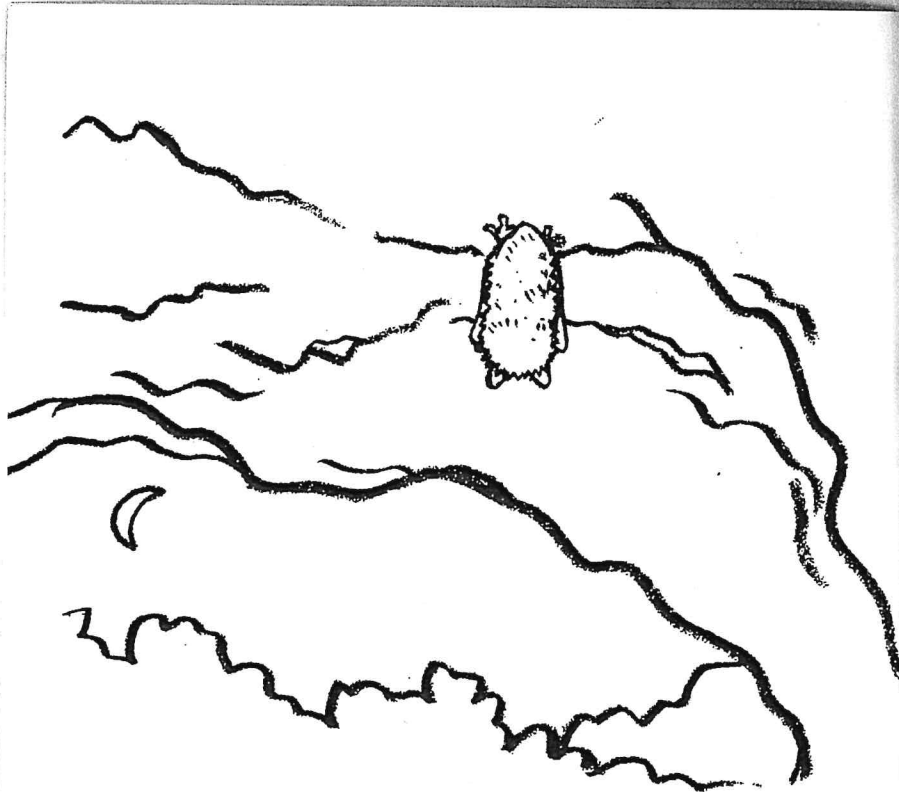
At night, a bat makes a high, clicking sound. This sound hits anything in its way.

Then the sound bounces back to the bat's ears. The sound tells the bat that something is there.

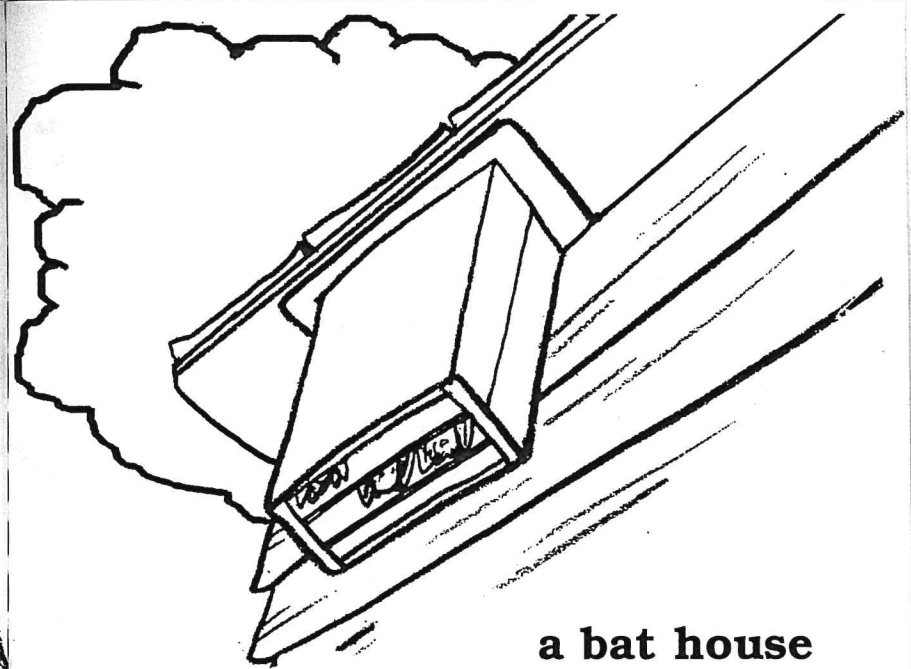


These four were flying round and round. Now it is time to sleep.

How do they sleep in the daytime? They hang upside down in dark places.



In winter little brown bats sleep in caves. They do not move about.



a bat house

Now people make houses for bats. These bat boxes are made from wood. They open at the bottom. Bats fly in and out of the boxes.



Now you see how bats
help people. In China people
think bats bring good luck.
Bats are good friends of
the earth.

Understanding the Story

Questions are to be read aloud by a teacher or parent.

1. Is the little brown bat a bird or a mammal?
2. How do brown bats help us?
3. Where do little brown bats sleep during the day?
4. What do some people build for bats?

Answers: 1. a mammal 2. by eating bugs 3. in dark places 4. Possible
answers: bat boxes or houses

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