

Celebrate Bat Appreciation Month

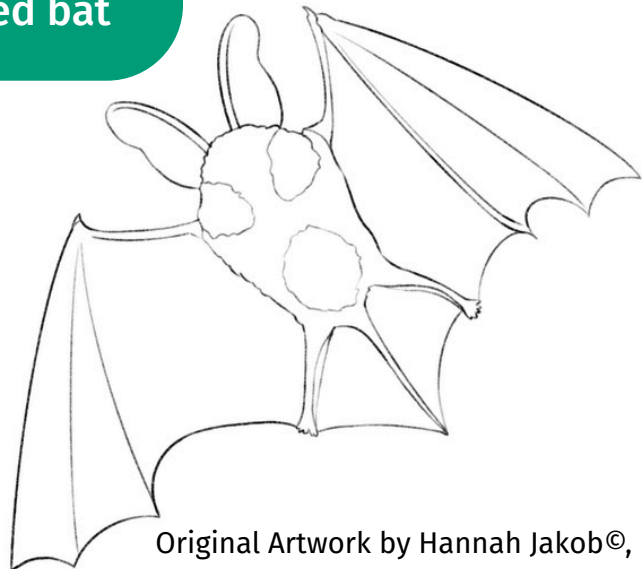
Spread your wings and color!

Let your creativity take flight!



This booklet includes the following bats to color:

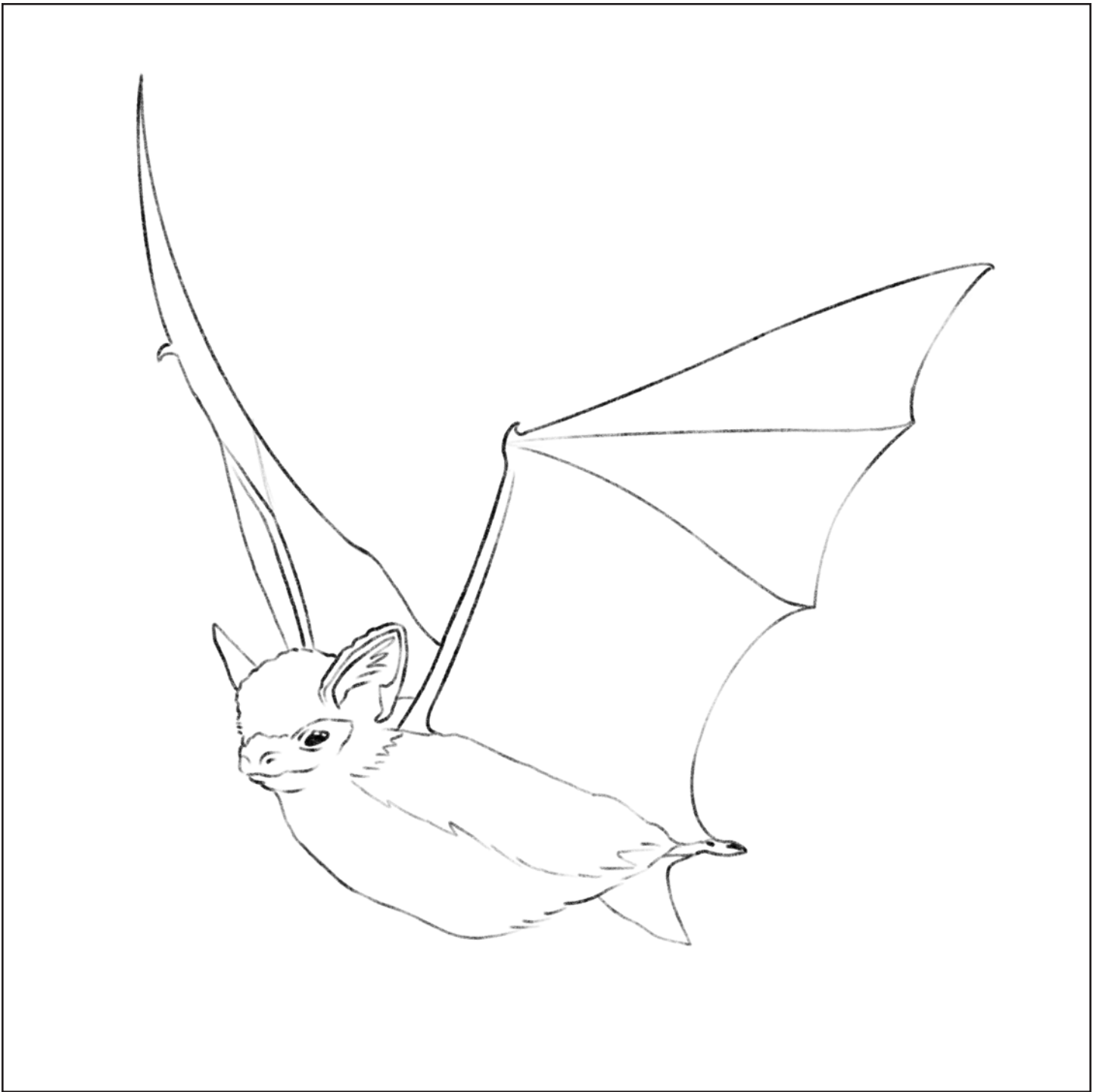
- Big brown bat
- Eastern red bat
- Little brown bat
- Spotted bat
- Townsend's big-eared bat



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Big Brown Bat
Eptesicus fuscus

Big brown bats can be found in many different types of habitats across the U.S. including deserts, meadows and forests. The big brown is considered one of the most beneficial bats to humans; they often live near humans and can consume many insect pests including mosquitoes and cucumber beetles.





Eastern Red Bat

Lasiurus borealis

Eastern red bats are tree dwellers. They prefer to live in the forest, they can be found in tree hollows, exposed tree trunks, or hanging from limbs among the foliage. Eastern red bats are North America’s most abundant “tree bats”, according to Bat Conservation National. They can be found wherever there are trees east of the Rocky Mountains, from Canada to Florida.

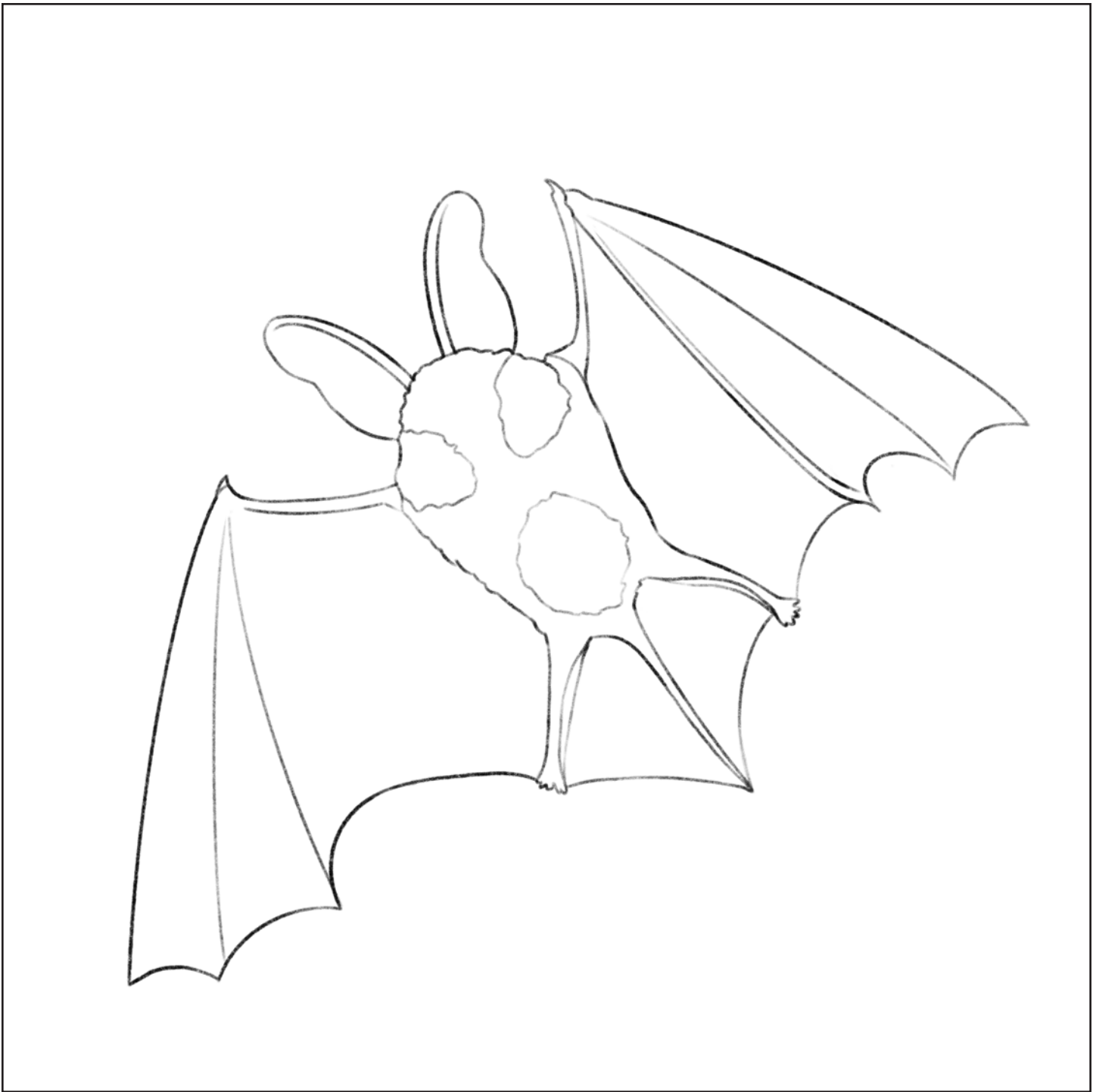




Little Brown Bat
Myotis lucifugus

Little brown bats live in colonies, colonies can include just a few bats and some can be very large, with more than 100,000 bats! Their populations are declining in Pennsylvania, Vermont and Virginia (and other states) and their status is under review with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.





Spotted Bat

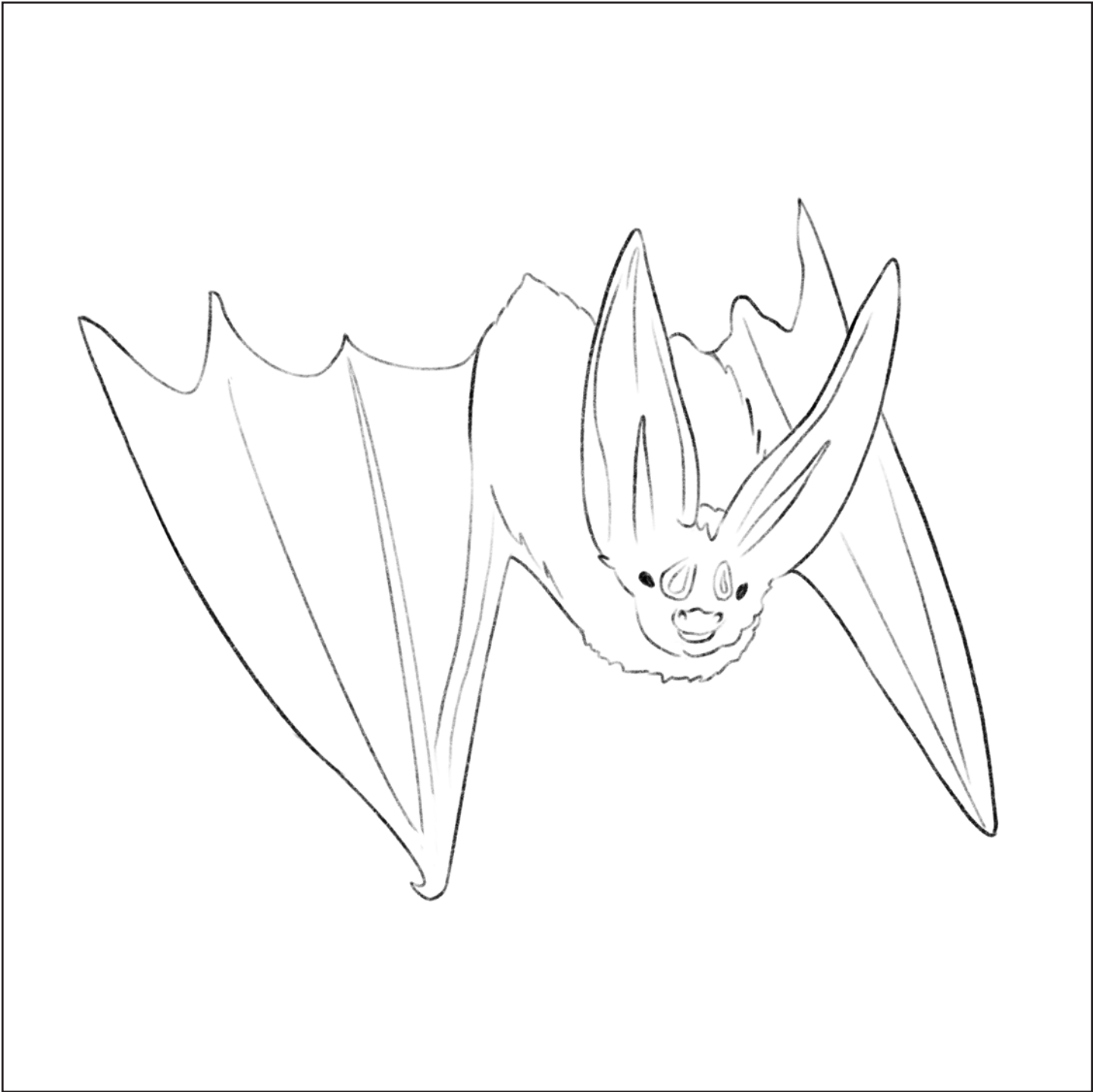
Euderma maculatum

Spotted bats have black fur with three large white spots on their backs. They prefer to roost on rock-faced cliffs, and other rocky features. The spotted bat is listed as threatened in Texas, and a priority species in Nevada.



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Townsend's Big-Eared Bat

Corynorhinus townsendii

Townsend's big-eared bats can be found in western North America with two endangered subspecies in the Ozark and Central Appalachian regions of the U.S. Their typical habitats are desert scrub and pine forests, and they prefer caves to give birth, nurse their young, and to hibernate. According to Bat Conservation International, they are extremely sensitive to disturbance while they are roosting and have suffered severe population declines throughout much of the U.S.



Bat Resources

Quick Facts:

- Bats are the only mammals capable of true flight.
- North American bats play key ecological roles.
- White-nose syndrome is a serious threat.
- Most bats do not carry rabies.
- Bats are not blind and use echolocation to navigate their environment.
- Humans can help bats thrive.
- Bats live on every continent, except Antarctica.



Kid's Corner:

- Find out how to look for bats!
- Read: Tips for Inviting Bats to Your Yard
- Read: 5 uses for bat wings
- Read: Batty for Flying Foxes
- Watch: How does a bat sleep?
- Activity: Make a bat tree for Halloween
- Activity: Make a bat finger puppet
- Adopt! Symbolically Adopt an Animal - Big Brown Bat