

Species Fact Sheet



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Greater Spear-nosed Bat

Phyllostomus hastatus

Peoria Zoo Exhibit Historic Entry Building

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Habitat: Can be found in both open and forested habitat near water.

Range: Central and South America

Activity Cycle: Nocturnal— active at night

Size: Body length of 4-5 inches and a wing span of up to 2 feet.

Social Structure: Can live in colonies numbering in the thousands. Within these colonies, males form temporary harems of up to 30 females .

Distinguishing Features: Named for the nose-leaf, a well-developed piece of skin on top of the nose that is thought to aid in echolocation by emitting and increasing the sonar sounds.

Diet: Fruits, insects, small vertebrates

Life Span: They can live up to 18 years in captivity

Did you know?

The Greater Spear-nosed Bat is an important pollinator and seed-disperser of tropical trees.