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Animal Fact Sheet

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Common Vampire Bat

Desmodus rotundus

The common vampire bat is one of only three mammals that live entirely on blood, and nearly everything about it is shaped by that diet. Heat sensors in its leaf-shaped nose find where blood runs clos…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Phyllostomidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests, open grasslands, and agricultural areas
Diet: Carnivore (Sanguivore)
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 9-12 years
Weight: 27-40 grams
Scientific name: Desmodus rotundus

Did you know?

- Vampire bats can detect their prey's blood vessels using special heat sensors on their noses.
- Vampire bats have infrared sensors on the nose that locate where blood runs closest to the skin. They do not suck — they lap, while an anticoagulant …

What I learned

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