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Great Hammerhead Bat

Hypsignathus monstrosus

The hammer-headed bat, Hypsignathus monstrosus, is Africa's largest bat, with a wingspan near a metre, and the male's head is one of the most extreme cases of sexual dimorphism in mammals. His skull …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Pteropodidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest and swamp forest
Diet: Frugivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 250-420 grams
Scientific name: Hypsignathus monstrosus

Did you know?

- The Great Hammerhead Bat is one of the most sexually dimorphic bats in the world, with males often twice the size of females and having a completely …
- A male hammer-headed bat's larynx is so large that his internal anatomy is rearranged around it, an anatomical compromise made purely for volume. The…

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