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Animal Fact Sheet

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Indian Flying Fox

Pteropus giganteus

Pteropus giganteus is one of the largest bats in the world, with a wingspan up to about 1.5 m, and it is nothing like the bats most people picture. It does not echolocate at all - megabats navigate b…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Pteropodidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests, urban parks, and gardens
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-30 years
Weight: 1.0–1.6 kg
Scientific name: Pteropus giganteus

Did you know?

- Unlike most bats, the Indian Flying Fox does not use echolocation and instead depends on its keen eyesight to find food and avoid obstacles.
- Indian flying foxes cool themselves by licking their wings and fanning, and on very hot days a whole roost can be seen wing-flapping in unison. They …

What I learned

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