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TRANSCRIPT

Where are bats usually located in Maryland or places with similar climate and environmental makeups as Maryland?

Bats normally can be found in wooded areas with some fresh water, some species can use old houses or barns to roost in. Some towns are known for their bat roosts in church steeples and other open buildings. Like Chestertown.

Can bats find new locations to roost?

Yes, if the bat's roost is disturbed, they can move to another roost. This can be devastating to a maturity colony if the roost gets disturbed at the wrong time of the breeding season. Bats have a low reproductive rate and losing the young can be very difficult to recover from.

What would be an ideal location for a bat?

An area with NO insecticide use! Wooded with fresh water.

Do they have to roost with other bats?

Some bats do mix roost, it all depends on species.

How far away does a bat have to be from a water source?

They can fly a good distance.

What water counts as a source? (stream, creek, river, pond, etc)

All of the above as long as it is fresh water.

How secluded do roosts or boxes have to be?

Roosts of bats may be in your backyard or in a church in town.

Can bats share territory?

They share territory with many different kinds of other critters and they live in colonies.

How many bat houses would you recommend in one location?

Man made bat houses normally only work in our area if you are excluding bats from a building. This has to be done carefully timed with the breeding season or you could trap the young inside a building away from their mothers.