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Here it goes again. Roy Horst has agreed to act as managing editor, meaning that he will see to the duplication and mailing of the issues as they are prepared. Preparation will be done here at Carleton University and hopefully to the following schedule: February, May, August and November. This is, in traditional form, the February issue, delayed in this instance by the logistics of transfer of information from Bob Martin.

I think it appropriate to start off another round of Bat Research News by thanking the former editor, Bob Martin, for his efforts which have kept BRN alive over the past few years. I hope that we can keep it going and that it will continue to be a valuable newsletter for people who are interested in bats.

Format

We will continue to follow the tried and true format of BRN, namely news, occasional short communications, and literature. The November issue each year will be devoted to reporting the happenings of the North American Symposium on bat research, for the benefit of those unable to attend that function.

The New Literature section will continue, but its coverage will not depend upon the search image of any one person. In short, that is an invitation to readers of BRN to pass along new citations as they encounter them. Usually people here at Carleton are able to scan a good number of journals for articles on bats, certainly basic journals including: Science, Journal of Mammalogy, Mammalia, Canadian Journal of Zoology, Evolution, American Naturalist, Ecology, Journal of Ecology, Journal of Applied Ecology, Journal of Wildlife Management, Journal of Physiology, Oecologia, Oikos, ... and a variety of others. However, when you encounter a 'new' citation, please jot it down and send it in.

We will try to subdivide the New Literature section by topic, and wherever possible include the mailing address of the senior author to facilitate getting in touch re reprints, etc.

I am planning to add a new section referring to Literature, namely a section which provides references to articles IN PRESS. Given the present lags between the time when an article is accepted for publication and when it actually appears, this section could be an excellent means of finding out about ongoing work. However, this will only be valuable if people send us appropriate citations. Please only provide data for articles which are accepted for publication, and provide us with the date when the article was accepted. We do not plan to include articles which

are 'in preparation' or 'submitted'.

How to Subscribe

From the records provided us by Bob Martin, it is evident that all subscriptions have now expired, if for no other reason than we have no money. If you wish to be added to, or kept on the mailing list for BRN, please complete the attached form and return it to me before 15 July 1977. Please indicate your area of interest on the form so that we can add it to a master list of subscribers and their interests. This list will form the basis for the next two issues of BRN which should appear in August 1977.

Cost

To cover the costs of duplicating and mailing each issue (we anticipate 10 printed pages per issue), we estimate a total cost of \$3.00 per year. So, if you want to be included, fill in the attached form and send a money order.

Meetings

Eighth Annual North American Symposium on Bat Research

This will be held in Ottawa at the Skyline Hotel on 14 and 15 October 1977. We anticipate space for 45 papers on the programme and plan to include a workshop on techniques for studying bats on the evening of 14 October. The meetings are being hosted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies at Carleton University. For more information contact either Roy Horst (programme) or Brock Fenton (local).

Fifth International Bat Research Conference

This will be held in conjunction with the Ninth Annual North American Symposium on Bat Research in Albuquerque, New Mexico in August 1978. For more details contact either:

J.S. Findley	or	D.E. Wilson
Museum of Southwestern Biology		National Fish and Wildlife
University of New Mexico		Laboratory
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131		National Museum of Natural
		History
		Washington, D.C. 20560

News

Kim and Richard Thomas have recently moved to the Department of Biology at the University of Puerto Rico (Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico 00931), and they are currently working on various aspects of the biology of bats which occur in Puerto Rico. They would be glad to visit with bat biologists who might be passing through Puerto Rico.

Jim Simmons has prepared an information sheet for people who have observed bats feeding in the field (see attached). If you can provide him with any of the information requested on the form, please complete same and send it along to him (Department of Psychology, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri 63130).

Science volume 195, p. 776 carries a review of THE SCIENCE OF SPELEOLOGY by Barry F. Beck in which the importance of conservation of biological features of caves is emphasized. The book, edited by T.D. Ford and C.H.D. Cullingford, is published by Academic Press and runs \$29.50.

Most readers will probably have heard about the woman from northeast Maryland who was bitten on 10 May 1976 by an Eptesicus fuscus, and who died from rabies contracted via this bite, on 27 June 1976, in spite of treatment with the recommended doses of duck embryo vaccine. More details of this are presented in the Rabies Surveillance Report for April to June 1976 which was issued in December 1976 by the U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare. This unfortunate incident certainly appears to have precipitated a great deal of concern about bats and public health, and I suspect that the incidence of bat control operations has been increased accordingly.

In this context, we are still without a good supply of data on effective means of controlling bats, but a forthcoming publication from Tom Kunz and his people at Boston University (see IN PRESS section) may help to provide some ammunition against the continued use of pesticides against bats. The main argument against use of pesticides to control bats is that they are not very effective, certainly not as effective as sealing out the bats, and probably not as effective as the use of light.

Short Communications

I am currently reconsidering the whole idea of 'publishing' short communications in BRN. Manuscripts in hand are double spaced typed and would have to be retyped to allow efficient use of space. This would considerably delay the appearance of this issue, so the whole matter is deferred.

New Literature

Behaviour

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- Cope, J.B. and S.B. Humphrey. 1977. Spring and autumn swarming behavior in the Indiana bat, Myotis sodalis. J. Mamm. 58(1): 93 - 95. Department of Biology, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana.
- Brosset, A. 1976. Social organization in the African bat, Myotis boccagei. Z. Tierpsychol. 42: 50 - 56. Laboratoire d'écologie général due Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, 4Ae du Petit Chateau, 91.800 Brunoy, France.

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Anatomy

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Distribution

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Populations

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- Tuttle, M.D. and D.E. Stevenson. 1977. An analysis of migration as a mortality factor in the gray bat based on public recoveries of banded bats. *Am. midl. Nat.* 97(1): 235 - 240. Milwaukee Public Museum, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Other

- Foott, W.H. 1976. Use of fluorescent powders to monitor flight activities of adult Glischrochilus quadrisignatus (Coleoptera: Nitidulidae). *Can. Ent.* 108: 1041 - 1044. (actually about beetles, but the technique might be useful.
- Gardner, A.L. 1977. Taxonomic implications of the karyotypes of Molossops and Cynomops (Mammalia: Chiroptera). *Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash.* 89(47): 545 - 550.
- Stephens, R.J. and L.J. Cabral-Anderson. 1976. Erythropoiesis in the yolk sac of the bat, Tadarida brasiliensis cynocephala. *Anat. Rec.* 186(4): 525 - 552.
- Suga, N. 1977. Amplitude spectrum representation in the doppler-shifted-CF processing area of the auditory cortex of the mustache bat. *Science* 196(4285): 64 - 67. Department of Biology Washington University St. Louis, Missouri 63130.

to make this longer (and a hell of a lot more tedious to prepare) send in citations. It will help us if you type the citations on 3X5 cards.

(this time this is a highly biased sample derived from work here at Carleton and from information provided by Tom Kunz; to make it more representative send us information)

- Kunz, T.H. and E.L.P. Anthony. in press. On the efficiency of the Tuttle bat trap. *J. Mammalogy*.
- Kunz, T.H., E.L.P. Anthony and W.T. Ramage. in press. Mortality of little brown bats following multiple pesticide applications. *Journal of Wildlife Management*.
- Anthony, E.L.P. and T.H. Kunz. in press. Feeding strategies of the little brown bat, Myotis lucifugus, in southern New Hampshire. *Ecology*.
- Clark, D.R. Jr., T.H. Kunz and T.E. Kaiser. in press. Insecticides applied to a nursery colony of little brown bats (Myotis lucifugus): lethal concentration in brain tissue. *J. Mammalogy*.
- Fenton, M.B., N.G.H. Boyle, T.M. Harrison and D.J. Oxley. in press. Activity patterns, habitat use and prey selection by some African insectivorous bats. *Biotropica*
- Fenton, M.B., D.H.M. Cumming and D.J. Oxley. in press. Prey of Bat Hawks and availability of bats. *Condor*.
- Fenton, M.B. in press. Variation in the social calls of little brown bats (Myotis lucifugus). *Canadian Journal of Zoology*.
- Fullard, J.H. and M.B. Fenton. in press. Acoustic and behavioural analysis of the sounds produced by some species of Nearctic Arctiidae (Lepidoptera). *Canadian Journal of Zoology*.
- Fullard, J.H. in press. Phenology of sound-producing arctiids and the activity of insectivorous bats. *Nature*.

To make Bat Research News a valuable and viable newsletter, we need contributions - news, new literature, articles which have been accepted. Send in the subscription form and your money and join in!

Did you hear that there is a rumour going round that Texas Tech University Press may actually publish the second part of the Phyllostomatid book in 1977? Perhaps you have heard some other worth-while gossip!

DATA SHEET FOR SURVEY OF FORAGING BEHAVIOR BY BATS

Please read all the items to become acquainted with them before beginning to fill out the sheet.

PLEASE RETURN THIS TO: JAMES A. SIMMONS
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63130 U.S.A.

- 1). Species of bat _____.
- 2). Accuracy of identification: (Check one)
Definite _____ Probable _____ Possible _____
- 3). How was identification made? (Netting, Shooting, etc.).

- 4). Was the bat hunting for prey? (Check one)
Definitely _____ Probably _____ Possibly _____
- 5). Was the bat (Please check the following appropriate statements)
 - a). flying in the open? _____
 - b). higher than 10 meters? _____
 - c). lower than 10 meters? _____
 - d). if not in the open, was it close to obstacles? _____
 - e). Were the obstacles trees _____, walls, _____, rocks, _____, or was the bat flying over water? _____
 - f). How far from the obstacles was the bat? _____ meters.
 - g). Were the prey in flight also, or was the bat gleaning prey from surfaces?

 - h). If possible, can you identify the prey? _____
 - i). If the bat was not in flight, was it walking or crawling on a substrate in search of prey? _____

(OVER)

- j). Was the bat hanging in a fixed location and flying to get prey that moved near-by? _____
- k). Was it before sunset? _____
Was it at dusk? _____
Was it at night? _____
- l). Were you able to watch the behavior closely? _____
Was a night vision device in use? _____
- m). If these items are not sufficient to describe the bat's behavior, please describe it here _____

- n). Were tapes made of acoustical signals? _____
Are these tapes available? _____ from whom? _____
- o). Were photographs taken? _____ Are these available? _____
From whom? _____
- 6). Approximate date of observations _____
- 7). Approximate date of report _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete the data sheet. As soon as enough have returned and patterns or surprises emerge from the collective responses, I will tell you the results. If you have any suggestions about this survey, please tell me.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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Upon my return from six weeks in Africa I was somewhat swamped by the pile of requests for subscriptions to BRN; the list of subscribers to date and their areas of interest is provided within. This can be updated as (if) more forms arrive here.

LIBRARIES AND OTHERS PLEASE NOTE I do not have a supply of back issues of BRN and therefore cannot provide them on request. If you feel that you have been short changed and are missing back issues, you should contact **Dr. R.L. Martin**, Department of Biology, University of Maine, Preble Hall, Farmington, Maine 04938. There is no volume 17 presently available.

We still need submissions for the Literature section, either for New Literature, or articles IN Press.

News

Y.D. Pendharkar (Department of Zoology, S.N. Govt. P.G. College, Khandwa M.P. INDIA) has written to indicate that he is working on the Biology of Tadarida plicata, and that he is interested in bats in general and in some of their parasites.

Dr. Wilfred Schober (Karl-Marx-Universität, Bereich Medizin, Paul-Flechsigt-Institut für Hirnforschung, Abteilung für Neuroanatomie DDR 701 Leipzig Emilienstrabe 14), the editor of the Newsletter NYCTALUS, has written to say that he is working on a book on bats and would appreciate receiving pictures of bats which he might use (with appropriate credits). He is particularly interested in photographs of bats at Carlsbad Caverns - the clouds of emerging bats.

B. Dennis Sustare (Department of Biology, Clarkson College, Potsdam, New York 13676) wrote in to report two instances of Myotis lucifugus becoming tangled in plants. Both observations were made in the vicinity of Madison, Wisconsin. One involved common burdock (Arctium minus), the other water-milfoil (Myriophyllum spicatum); the former was fatal to the bat, the latter, because of Sustare's assistance, was not. For further details contact Dennis Sustare.

Dr. W. Harmata (Polska-Poland, 30-006 Krakow-Cracov, Krupnicza Str. 50 Institute of Zoology UJ, Dpt. of Zoo psychology and Ethology of Animals) has sent in some very attractive post cards with pictures of Plecotus auritus, Rhinolophus ferrum-equinum - one species to a card. They are very well done.

R. Michael Bourke (D.A.S.F. Kerawat, East New Britain, Papua New Guinea) has sent in Volume 3, number 4 of the Niugini Caver of which he is the Editor. According to the table of contents, the newsletter contains an interesting array of articles.

Denny Constantine has sent in a statement on 'Bat Rabies Control Policy' from the State of California Department of Health which is dated 9 March 1977. The objectives of the programme include:

- "1. minimizing human exposure to rabid bats. (This may require exclusion of bat colonies from select buildings. Methods selected should be permanent in effect and safe in application.)
2. taking steps necessary to be certain that the public is informed regarding the risk of contact with bats without creating undue alarm or failing to recognize the important ecological role of bats in the control of insects. (Educational efforts may include leaflets, lectures, and the use of newspapers, radio, and television)."

The statement also provides information about the policy of the Department of Health, ranging from encouraging 'control' of bats in buildings by physically preventing reentry, through destruction of bats in a colony in which there is an active laboratory confirmed rabies epizootic, to encouraging work on rare and endangered bats (with concurrence of the California Department of Fish and Game). For further details contact: State of California Department of Health, Infectious Disease Section, 2151 Berkeley Way, Berkeley CA 94704 - telephone 415-843-7900 ext. 555.

The May 1977 issue of the NSS (National Speleological Society) NEWS carried, on page 87, the following information about bats (under the heading Ft. Stanton Bats Killed): 'The Bureau of Land Management said the deaths of nearly a third of the bat population in Fort Stanton Cave near Capitan, N.M. were caused by vandals, not disease as originally thought. An investigation by the BLM and the State Environmental Improvement Agency found that the 355 bats had been knocked from the walls and ceiling of the cave and smashed. Following the discovery of the mutilated bats, the cave was closed. However, it has now been reopened to cavers obtaining permits from the Roswell NM, BLM headquarters.'

Tim Dooley (761 W. Cool Drive, Tucson Arizona 85704) has written to say that: "I am interested in conserving bats and mammals in general and I would like to hear from anyone interested in trading mammal study skins and skulls". I am sure that Tim can provide interested parties with a list of what he has to trade and what he needs.

Richard LaVal (2816 Mexico Gravel Rd., Columbia Missouri 65201) has written to say that he is going to be involved in preparing a new recovery plan for Myotis sodalis and would welcome input from interested parties.

Phoebe Wray (Endangered Species Productions Inc. 175 West Main Street, Ayer, MA 01432) has indicated that she could use a bat for an exhibit. She would prefer a small Myotis with wings spread so that the structure is visible. (A preserved bat is what she would prefer).

J.C. Rauch (Department of Zoology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada R3T 2N2) has written to point out the availability of some publications on the comparative anatomy of mammalian brains:

Katalog der Säugetierhirne (Catalogue of mammalian brains), Catalogue 1 (1970) order number 5312147 Brauer Katalog 1, cost 173,00 Marks. Catalogue 2 (1976) order number 5324025, Brauer Katalog 2, cost 136,00 Marks. Authors Dr. Kurt Brauer and Dr. Wilfried Schober, publishers VEB Gustav Fisher Verlag, 69 Jena, Villengang 2, DDR

Jim Rowell (Chicago Zoological Park, Brookfield Illinois 60513) has written to say that they are keeping some species of bats in captivity there and that he would be interested in receiving information about the composition of bat milk - I presume that he has looked at Part 1 of the Phyllostomatidae book from Texas Tech.

James R. Bain (Department of Zoology, 223 Bartram Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611) has written to say that he is doing some homing experiments with Nycticeius humeralis in Florida. He would be grateful if persons finding tagged N. humeralis would contact him.

Ralph A. Raschig (Route 2, Box 413 Eagle River, Wisconsin 54521) still has a supply of BATS NEED FRIENDS bumper stickers.

Bat Detectors

The most recent issue of the Journal of Mammalogy (volume 58, no. 2) has a paper by Anderson and Miller (see New Literature section for details) describing a portable ultrasonic detection system for recording bat cries in the field. This provides another alternative for persons wishing to tune in on the ultrasonic cries of bats.

I also recently received literature from an English Company (QMC Instruments LTD, 229 Mile End Road, London E1 4AA) describing a QMC Bat Detector for US\$850.00. This is a versatile machine which operates as a broad band and as a 'selective frequency analysis' detector. The QMC machine arises from work by David Pye.

There is now quite an array of bat detectors available:(see also Griffin BRN 16 1976)

for under \$1,000.00 US

QMC Bat Detector, sensitive from 10 - 180 kHz, combines broad band operation with selective frequency analysis

Lincoln Bat Detector, sensitive from 10 - 200 kHz, broad band operation (either of these machines is suitable for recording high frequency sounds directly on magnetic tape - for high frequency sounds tape speed must be 76 cm/sec - at least)

Holgate Bat Detector, sensitive from 10 - 180 kHz, a heterodyne system for selective frequency analysis

any of these machines is available commercially, QMC as indicated above, Lincoln Detectors from the Carleton University Science Workshop, Ottawa Canada K1S 5B6, and Holgates from Holgates of Totton, Commercial Road, Totton, Hants, England.

for under 300.00 U.S.

Leak Detectors, crystal microphones tuned to 40 kHz (usually) and sold commercially as leak detectors. A variety of companies sells these machines for a wide variety of prices. Our workshop here has been selling them for around \$100.00 US.

Electret microphone and integrated electronic components which divide incoming ultrasonic signals by 10 (the frequencies are divided by 10). This is the system described by Anderson and Miller. It is **inexpensive** but, as far as I know, not available commercially.

For someone interested in the feeding behaviour of a bat which uses high intensity echolocation calls with 40 kHz components, the leak detectors are suitable and relatively cheap. I have found them excellent for introducing students to feeding bats.

When the high intensity echolocation signals do not include components at 40 kHz, a tuneable receiver (QMC or Holgate) or a broad band microphone is essential; the electret microphone would also function well in this context.

The QMC Bat Detector is probably the most versatile, but if you do not want the selective frequency analysis potential, the modified Lincoln Bat Detectors which our workshop has been building offer a less expensive alternative.

I do not guarantee any of the prices quoted above.

We hope to have most of these instruments on display at the North American Symposium on Bat Research (number 8) here in Ottawa on 14 and 15 October 1977.

Short Communications

None available for this issue.

14 and 15 October 1977 North American Symposium on Bat Research

Persons wishing to present papers at this meeting should complete the enclosed form and send it, with their abstract, to Roy Horst. See notice for date when abstracts must be received if papers are to be included on the programme.

The meetings will take place at the Skyline Hotel in Ottawa, but on Friday night (14 October) we have arranged to occupy a large room at Carleton University. At that time we would like to have a general workshop on techniques for studying bats (there will also be a cash bar to increase levels of perception).

Therefore, if you are working with bats and wish to contribute to a workshop on techniques, bring along your wares (so to speak) and participate. We will certainly have a variety of bat detectors and recording equipment on hand, and would hope that those working with radio telemetry, light tagging, ... etc., will participate. Other topics which could be covered include photography, techniques for observation ... etc.

We will have a movie projector on hand that evening if you have a good film about bats you would like to show.

For persons requiring inexpensive accommodation, we will do our very best to arrange this. Direct your inquiries to me and I will do what I can about them.

Hope to see a good crowd here in October...

New Literature

Anatomy

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NEWS

- Arthur M. Greenhall (Division of Wildlife Research, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C. 20240) has written to advise that he has a new position in the Fish and Wildlife Service, namely that of Staff Specialist - Bats. His new responsibilities include conducting studies on bats related to health, economic and nuisance problems, primarily in the United States.
- Tony Oldham (Rhychydwr, Crymych, Dyfed SA41 3RB, United Kingdom) has indicated that he publishes 'Current Titles in Speleology' which is available for U.S. \$7.20 per issue. The 1976 edition contains over 3,000 titles, including some references to bats. He also has a number of bat books and offprints for sale. Interested parties should contact him directly.
- Mark A. Rosenthal (Lincoln Park Zoological Gardens, 2200 Cannon Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60614) reports that the Lincoln Park Zoo is maintaining and displaying a group of Artibeus jamaicensis and that some young have been born in this colony.
- Timothy J. McCarthy (Vampire Bat Education and Control Program, Ministry of Agriculture, Central Farm, Cayo District, Belize) has prepared a number of t-shirt iron-on transfers (best on cotton t-shirts) which he will part with for \$3.50 U.S. (no personal cheques). The money raised will be used to help finance some public information programmes dealing with bats in Belize. The transfers show a bat catching an insect in its interfemoral membrane; the lettering says 'Fly the friendly nights of Belize'. The bat is shown in a circle of light orange.
- The Bleitz Wildlife Foundation (5334 Hollywood Boul. Hollywood, California 90027) has available a new listing of the more than 100 styles, sizes, colors and types of mist nets, portable poles, Pesola Scales, etc. which are available from the Foundation. Reprints of 'Mist nets and their use' are also available.
- The Director of the University of Kentucky Press has written to indicate that the book Barbour and Davis 'Bats of America' is available from Xerox University Microfilms, 300 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48106. The order number is 2,0003,347. Paper cover edition is U.S.\$15.00, the hard cover edition U.S.\$17.50. Illustrations can be reproduced in colour at an additional cost.
- I. Horacek (Sidl. Michelska 1182 145 00 Praha 4, Czechoslovakia) has indicated that he and some of his colleagues will be providing BRN with information about bat research in Czechoslovakia, including the nature of some of their ongoing research programmes involving bats, a review of bat material in collections in Czechoslovakia, and, of course, new literature from there.

In the previous issue I reported some details of the Department of Health of California's policy concerning bats, rabies and public health. I neglected to add that their policy seems most prudent, encouraging control by killing of bats only when there is a confirmed outbreak of rabies. Denny Constantine has told me that since they (in California)

'have not seen an "outbreak" in bats in over 20 years, so none is anticipated'. I was particularly pleased to note that the statement of policy encouraged control of bats in buildings by prevention of re-entry into a structure, since this appears to be the only effective means of control (remembering that control is not synonymous with killing).

A POSSIBLE POSTDOCTORAL POSITION

I recently received the following notice from Dr. C.G. van Zyll de Jong at the National Museums of Canada:

"Recent Ph.D. Graduates interested in the possibility of a postdoctoral fellowship tenable at the National Museum of Natural Sciences in Ottawa, Canada to work on ecology and taxonomy of north temperate bats should direct requests for information and application forms as soon as possible to: Postdoctorate Fellowships Office, National Research Council of Canada, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0R6. For information on facilities and research possibilities write to: Dr. C.G. van Zyll de Jong, Curator of Mammals, National Museum of Natural Sciences, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0M8."

Stan van Zyll and I hope that if this position does become available the recipient of the fellowship would be able to work in collaboration with bat people here at Carleton.

MEETINGS

Fifth International Bat Research Conference, 6 - 11 August 1978 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This will include field trips to local points of interest, the usual assortment of scientific papers, and will feature symposia on Environmental Physiology, Chiropteran Phylogeny, and Reproduction. For further information contact James S. Findley, Museum of Southwestern Biology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131, or Don E. Wilson, National Fish and Wildlife Laboratory, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C. 20560.

The Second "Congressus Theriologicus Internationalis" to be held at the Brno Exhibitions and Fairs, Brno, Czechoslovakia between 20 and 27 June 1978. At this meeting there will be separate sessions on bat research and a postcongress excursion to several bat localities in Slovakia (lead by Dr. J. Gaisler). For more information contact: The Secretary, II. Congressus Theriologicus Internationalis, Institute of Vertebrate Zoology, Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, Kvetna 8, 603 65 Brno, Czechoslovakia.

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QUICKIES

After some reflection, I decided to continue including short manuscripts in the Bat Research News. I have purposely refrained from saying 'publish' with respect to BRN, and have avoided calling the contributions 'notes' or 'papers' ... etc.

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CHITINOLYTIC ENZYMES IN VERTEBRATES

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I have recently become aware of a paper dealing with digestive adaptations of vertebrates that seems to have been overlooked by biologists interested in food habits of insectivores. Jeuniaux (1961) found chitinase in the digestive tracts of sex vertebrates. Of special interest to mammalogists is the discovery of considerable chitinase synthetic activity in the gastric mucosa of Rhinolophus ferrum-equinum. It has generally been assumed that chitin, a major constituent of insect cuticle, was not digestible by vertebrates (Snodgrass, 1935). Recently, chiroptologists have used fecal material to study food habits of insectivorous bats, assuming that the insect skeleton, while fragmented, was otherwise intact after its passage through the digestive tract. The extent to which the cuticle is altered or digested by chitinase is at present not known, but the potential for differential digestion of the various hard- and soft-bodied insects cannot be ignored. Since 6 of the 8 vertebrates tested by Jeuniaux (1961) were positive for chitinolytic enzymes, it seems likely that future work will reveal more vertebrates possessing these enzymes.

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BAT PREDATION BY THE AMERICAN KESTREL, FALCO SPARVERIUS (AVES: FALCONIFORMES)

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At sundown (1800 h) on 19 April 1972, I watched an American Kestrel (Falco sparverius) momentarily hover above and behind a bat in a straight level flight. The bird then dove, seized the bat in its talons, and then carried its prey some 100 m to a perch on a foliated tree where the bat was eaten. There are five similar reports in the literature (Wright, 1932; Bent, 1938; Orr, 1954; Baker, 1962; James and Hayse, 1963). Those species taken have included Antrozous pallidus, Myotis velifer, T. brasiliensis, and what Wright believed to be either Pipistrellus hesperus or A. pallidus. Dr. William Wimsatt has informed me that one of several Myotis lucifugus he released from a second story window of a building in Princeton, New Jersey on 12 March 1957 was caught in flight by an American Kestrel that had been perched on the roof of an adjacent building.

Black (1976), Twente (1954), Mueller (1968), and Wimsatt observed bat captures by American Kestrels during the day when the bats were released from captivity. Releases such as these are no doubt uncommon, so it may be inferred that American Kestrels can and will capture bats, should bats be flying during the day. From Balgooyen's (1976) data we know the size of the insectivorous bats falls within that range given for American Kestrel prey.

American Kestrels hunt only by morning and evening in xeric environments and throughout the day elsewhere (Bartholomew and Cade, 1957). However, the peak flights of most insectivorous bats occur just after sundown with a lesser peak just preceding sunrise, events which are correlated both with the abundance of insects during these periods and with the relative inactivity of falconiforms at night. This pattern may also explain the infrequent observations of avian predation on bats in the field. That bats have remained nocturnal to avoid predation by falconiforms is indicated by the fact that in situations where bats greatly outnumber their avian predators, as at Ney Cave and Bracken Cave in south-central Texas, and Carlesbad Caverns in New Mexico, the bats appear as early as one hour before dusk (Stager, 1941; Baker, 1962; Novick, 1969). Predators often converge on such concentrations of prey, and where early departing bat numbers are staggering, it is common to find hawks, falcons, and owls harvesting bats from the swarms. In these situations the number of bats captured is relatively insignificant, suggesting early evening flights have benefits outweighing those negative aspects. Likewise, on islands of the Puerto Rican Bank where avian predators are not common, I have seen great numbers of bats feeding shortly before dusk.

In addition to owls, at least two falconiforms, the Bat Hawk (Macheiramphus alcinus) (Eccles et al., 1969) of parts of the Old World Tropics and the Bat Falcon (Falco ruficularis) of the Neotropics are adapted to exploit an extended foraging period, when they commonly feed on bats. Mueller (1968) has suggested selection for retention of vision in bats has been related to predation by falconiforms.

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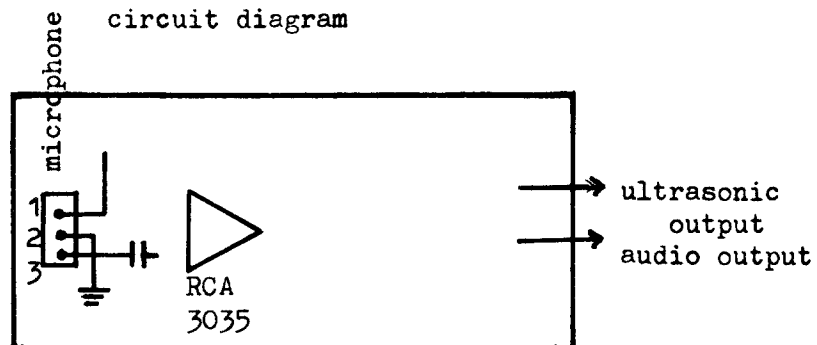
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OXYGEN CONSUMPTION OF THE MALAYSIAN CAVE FRUIT BAT

(Eonycteris spelaea).

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On the basis of information for New World tropical bats, McNab (1969) postulated that nectar-feeding bats have relatively high metabolic rates. The present note was prompted by the opportunity to obtain data for an Old World tropical nectarivorous bat, the Malaysian Cave Fruit Bat, which roosts during the day in limestone caves in central West Malaysia. At night, the Cave Fruit Bats may fly considerable distances in order to feed on nectar and pollen of bat-pollinated flowering trees in lowland forest and coastal mangrove (Start and Marshall, 1975).

The oxygen consumption of six bats was measured individually by a technique described in a previous note (Whittow and Gould, 1976). The total oxygen consumption of four additional bats, housed together, was measured using a larger respirometer chamber (Whittow et al. 1977) and an air flow rate through the chamber of 895 ml./min. The oxygen consumption of the same four bats was measured also when they were prevented from clustering, by insertion of partitions inside the chamber.

The data are presented in Table 1. The air temperatures at which the measurements were made are within the range of air temperatures in their natural cave habitat. The lowest oxygen consumption (0.78 ml./g.hr) was recorded from a bat which felt cold to the touch, and it may have been torpid. However, even when the data from this animal were included, the mean oxygen consumption (1.32 ml./g.hr.) was 23% greater than the value predicted from their body weight, according to Kleiber (1961). Although three of the four bats were huddled together in the respirometer chamber, the combined oxygen consumption (1.32 ml./g.hr.) of the four bats was very similar to that obtained when the same bats were prevented from clustering. This may have been related to the short time period (1 hour) over which measurements were made, as a metabolic effect of clustering has been demonstrated in species of New World bats (Trune and Slobodchikoff, 1976).

At first sight, the results of these measurements are in accord with McNab's (1969) hypothesis that nectarivorous bats have relatively high metabolic rates. However, it is possible that the air temperatures at which the measurements were made, and in the caves, are below the lower critical temperature of the bats (Bartholomew et al., 1970). In this event, further studies are needed to determine to what extent Cave Fruit Bats become torpid, and to assess the bioenergetic consequences of clustering, in more detail.

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Table 1. Oxygen consumption ($\dot{V}O_{2STPD}$) of 10 Cave Fruit Bats.
 T_a = air temperature. STPD = standard temperature, pressure, dry.

Sex	Body weight (g)	T_a (°C)	$\dot{V}O_{2STPD}$ (ml/hr.g.)
Female	55.7	24.7	0.78
"	42.5	24.8	1.67
"	45.8	24.9	1.79
Male	56.3	26.7	1.09
"	69.8	26.7	1.43
"	70.7	26.7	1.15
Female	44.3	27.2	1.35*
"	38.9		
"	40.3		
"	36.0		
50.0			1.32

*Total oxygen consumption of 4 bats, in separate compartments within the respirometer, divided by total body weight of bats.

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