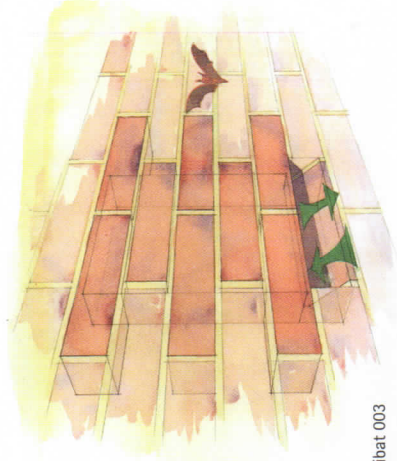
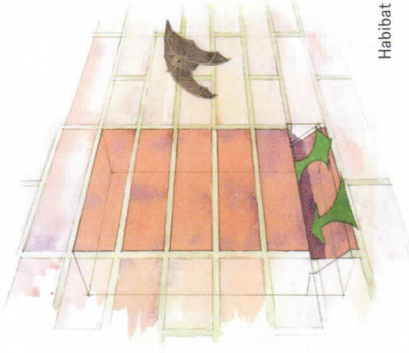


Installing and monitoring your Habibat

Make the most of your Habibat by installing it using the guidance overleaf and help the Bat Conservation Trust monitor bats and improve homes



Habibat 003



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No Stamp is needed but using one saves us money which we can put towards conserving bats.

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Habibat is a unique partnership between the Bat Conservation Trust, Ecosurv and you. Our aim is to provide integrated bat products that work for bats and buildings. A portion of the profits from each Habibat sold will be reinvested into the Habibat scheme to improve accommodation for bats through monitoring and research. We will be improving knowledge of integrated bat products, monitoring uptake, refining our bat box design and giving our customers guidance on installation.



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Installation & Monitoring

Correct placement of Habitat is fundamental to the successful uptake by bats.

Orientation

Temperature is the major factor influencing successful uptake of artificial roost by bats. In general, bats seek warm spaces particularly to help with rearing young. For this reason, Habitat should be located where it will receive the maximum amount of warmth from the sun. In the northern hemisphere this will be the southerly aspects/orientation (south, south-west and south-east). If possible place Habitats in as may orientations as possible to offer a range of micro-climates for the bats.

Height

Position Habitat a minimum of 2 metres but preferably 5 to 7 metres above ground. Avoid placement above windows, doors and wall climbing plants, to minimise disturbance. A position near the eaves or gable apex of the property would be preferable. If possible create a larger roosting space by connecting the Habitats in series either vertically or horizontally.

Landscape considerations

To make Habitat a potential roost for a wider range of bat species, it is helpful to consider whether there is nearby vegetation features such as hedges and treelines. This is because some bat species use these features for navigation between their roosting site and feeding ground and to avoid flying in open and exposed areas. Avoid placing Habitat near artificial lighting as light is disturbing to bats.

If you have any questions about installing your Habitat please contact:
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Monitoring

Bats and their roosts are legally protected from disturbance and damage. For this reason only a licensed bat worker should closely examine the Habitat to check for bat usage. However, you can check for signs of bat use by looking for the presence of bat droppings on the plinth and surrounding walls and the outflight of bats at dusk in spring, summer and autumn.

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Help us make better homes for bats by filling in and returning the form below:

Name:

Role, e.g. installer/
developer/ consultant/
building owner/occupier:

Email:

Telephone:

Site location
(where the boxes
will be/are installed):
address, post code,
grid reference:

Habitat location
information: where
on building, how
many:

Have you seen any
sign of bats using
the Habitats?:

Would you be happy for the Bat Conservation Trust or your local volunteer bat group to contact you about monitoring the Habitat?: Yes No

Would you like to know more about BCT's bat box research: Yes No

Name of person to liaise
about monitoring and
contact information
(if different from above):

Cut or tear off the form section, fold over to show the address, peel off tape cover to stick edges together and kindly stamp and post back to us.

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