

Grey Long-eared Bat school pack



The Grey Long-eared Bat is one of England's rarest mammals. It is only found in the south of England and loves to forage for insects over wildflower meadows, marshes and village gardens. (Like all UK bats, Grey Long-eared Bats only eat insects). It is very similar to the more common Brown Long-eared Bat, with very long ears and big eyes, but they are very difficult to tell apart.

This very rare species has been found in your local area so there are things that you can do to help!



Plant and look after a mini-meadow in your school grounds, playing field, forest school area or garden at home

Wildflower meadows (of any size!) are fantastic habitats for insects, bats and other animals. Planting a meadow will attract more insects and provide food for bats.



Plant other insect friendly plants

Planting other things that will attract insect pollinators. If you want to attract more bats, include night-scented flowers that attract night flying insects.



Allow some areas to go wild!

Wild areas (rough grass, nettles and weeds) are fantastic areas for insects. They provide shelter and food and allow them to finish their life cycles. Encourage your school and garden at home to let more areas go wild!



Learn more about the plants, insects, bats and other animals

Included in this pack is more information to help you learn about the plants and animals that make meadows so special!

Included in the pack:

- Factsheet about the Grey Long-eared Bat
- Instructions on how to create and look after a mini-meadow
- Guidelines on planting insect friendly plants (and other ways to make your garden more wildlife friendly)
- Plant and insect ID sheets, focusing on some key wildflower meadow species