



# How to Report Your Bat Observation

## ALASKA BAT MONITORING PROGRAM

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### **Background**

Any reports of bats are of value, whether from your backyard or the foothills of the Brooks Range. Every sighting adds a piece to the puzzle and we would appreciate it if you would take the time to record the details of your chance bat encounters on our survey forms. That's all there is to it!

### **The following simple instructions will help you to fill out your observation form:**

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#### **Observer Information**

This is important so that we can contact you in case we have questions.

#### **Directions to Observation Site**

*Town/Address:*

Indicate the nearest town or specific address if near a house or building.

*Directions:*

Describe the distance and direction to some mapped feature. Include any natural landmarks that may help locate the area. If the site is in town, supply road directions to area.

*Map Coordinates (optional):*

If you had a GPS at the time, record the Latitude, Longitude, and Elevation if possible.

#### **Other information**

*Date of Observation:*

Record the specific date (month/day/year) you observed a bat.

*How many bats were observed:*

Indicate your best approximation the number of bats during this observation.

*Was the bat(s) in motion or still?*

Indicate during your observation if the bat was in motion or still.

*If bat was on a structure,*

Indicate whether the bat was seen on a structure and if so describe the structure type.

*What type?*

i.e. ground, tree, building, etc. If bat is flying, leave blank.

*Time of day*

Record the time and whether it's AM or PM.

**Site Description**

*The setting*

**Urban** is it within a town?

**Suburban** is it a smaller residential community outside a town?

**Rural** is it completely outside a town or city, in the country?

*Dominant land use*

What is the majority of land use within a mile of location of observation?

*Surrounding vegetation*

Check all vegetation types within 25 feet of observation.

**Reporting Your Incidental Bat Observation**

Fill out one ***Observation Data Sheet*** for every chance bat encounter you report. Because you will likely be filling out these data sheets long after your observation, leave blank any items you can't remember or are unsure of: Missing information is O.K., but wrong information is not. ***Please return all of your completed data sheets to the project coordinator.*** You may submit them electronically via email, by fax, or through the mail. We will send you a self addressed, stamped envelope for this purpose upon request.

**Please direct any questions or comments to:**

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**We extend our sincere thanks to you for  
volunteering for the Alaska Bat Monitoring Program!**

