

Bats of the Chihuahan Desert

Related Vocabulary



adaptation – any change to a structure, form, or organism to fit in a changed environment

anatomy – the structure of an animal or plant, or any of its parts

biology – the science of life or living matter in all its forms

bird – a warm blooded animal with feathers, forelimbs modified into wings, scaly legs, a beak, no teeth, and bearing young in a hard-shelled egg

capillary action – the ability of a liquid to flow in narrow spaces without help from, and sometimes even working against, gravity

crepuscular – of, relating to, or resembling twilight; relating to animals that appear or are active at twilight

diurnal – of, or relating to, a day or daily; relating to animals that are active by daylight

echolocation – the method of locating objects by using high-pitched sounds the bounce off the object and return to the animal's ears or other sensory receptors

emit – to send forth (as in sound); to release a sound; to utter or voice

forage – the act of searching for food or supplies of any kind

frequency – the number of cycles completed per unit

habitat – the natural environment of an organism; the place where a person or thing lives or can be found

hertz – the standard unit of frequency equal to one cycle per second

hollow – having a space or cavity inside; not solid; an empty space within a thing

mammal – any vertebrate where the body more or less is covered with hair, feeds the young with milk, and, in general, gives birth to live young

membrane – a thin, flexible sheet or layer of tissue serving to line an organ or connect parts

misconception – an incorrect thought or belief

navigate – to move on, over, or through; to direct or manage on a course

nocturnal – of, or relating to nighttime; relating to animals that are active at night; occurring at night

prey – an animal hunted or seized for food

roosting – to perch or sit

shelter – something beneath, behind, or within which a person or animal uses for protection from storms, or adverse conditions

sound wave – in physics, the flexible wave that produces an audible sound