

# Bats in Ireland

Ireland is home to the nine established species of bat and two vagrants.

The Irish name for bat is ialtóg

Typically, Irish bats are active in late Spring and early Summer.

Hibernation takes place from October/November.

Bats are a protected species in Ireland, covered under national and EU legislation.

On an average night a bat can eat up to

# 3000

insects.

Bats are

# mammals

this means that they have fur, warm blood, give birth, and females feed their young with milk.

Baby bats are called bat pups and are born without fur and blind, after 6-7 weeks they are independent.

