

MISCONCEPTIONS DISPELLED

1. Less than half of 1% of bats have rabies.

- You have to be bit by a bat to contract rabies, therefore the possibility of contracting rabies from a bat can be further diminished by never picking one up.

2. Bats are not aggressive or dirty.

- Bats will do their best to avoid humans.
- Like cats, bats continually bath themselves and therefore remain very clean.

3. Bats have very good eyesight.

- Many bat species have better night vision than humans do.

4. Bats will not get tangled in your hair.

- Bats in general are afraid of humans and will try their best to avoid contact.
- Bats are expert flyers. It would be very rare for a bat to accidentally run into someone, let alone get tangled in their hair.

5. Bats are not flying mice.

- Both bats and mice are mammals, however bats are in the order Chiroptera and mice are in the order Rodentia.
- These two orders are not closely related in evolutionary terms.