

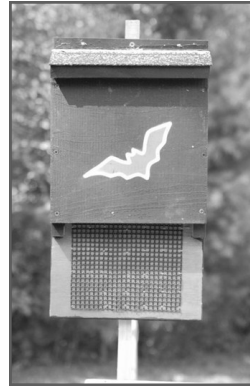
CHOOSING A BAT HOUSE SIZE

Bat houses come in various sizes and will be used by bats in different ways. However, most people choose their bat house size on bat capacity rate.

- Small one and two chamber bat houses (e.g. P&S Country Crafts Mini Bat House) are designed to function as a resting site for a small number of bats, usually males
- The larger models are designed to accommodate nursery colonies. Nurseries will house breeding females and pups (babies). The minimum bat capacity rate should be 150 for the house to become a nursery colony.



AVAILABLE BAT HOUSE SIZES



Mini Bat House
50 bat capacity
1-2 chambers



BCI Certified
150-200 bat capacity
2-3 chambers



S/M/L
250-600 bat capacity
2-4 chambers



Industrial
550-650+ bat capacity
4-5 chambers

BAT HOUSE BUYING GUIDE



HOW TO FIND A BAT HOUSE THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU

Order your bat house online at
www.pscountrycrafts.com



INTEND TO BUY A BAT HOUSE?

Bats are invaluable contributors to the ecosystem. However, their habitats are being depleted at an alarming rate from urban sprawl and cave disruption. With the introduction of White Nose Syndrome, bats have fewer and fewer safe locations to roost. Purchasing a bat house is an excellent way to give the bats in your area a safe space to survive.

BCI CERTIFICATION

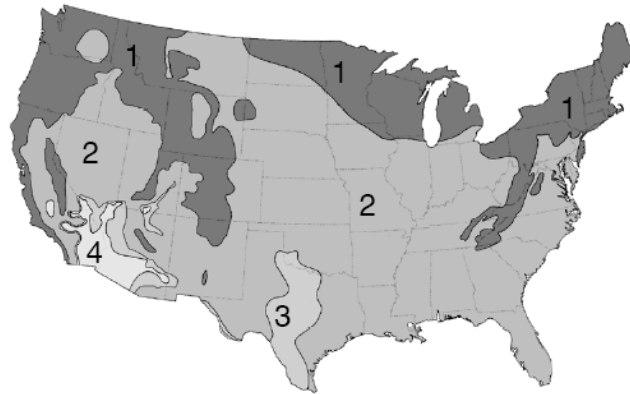
Bat Conservation International (BCI) is an international non-governmental organization working to conserve the world's bats and their habitats through conservation, education and research efforts. They award certifications to manufacturers whose bat houses comply with a strict set of construction standards they developed. (*P&S Country Crafts is BCI Certified*) Qualifications include:



- Roost chambers must be at least 20 inches tall
- Roost chambers width must be at least 14 inches wide
- Roost partitions must be spaced 3/4 -1 inch apart .
- Bat houses must have a 3-6-inch landing area
- Interior surfaces and landing areas must have adequate texture to provide footholds for bats
- Screws, staples, nails, mounting hardware, or other sharp objects (including splinters) must not protrude into roost chambers
- Ventilation slots must be placed no more than 1/3rd the distance from the bottom.
- Bat houses must be durable and tightly constructed. Caulking or gluing exterior joints is required to prevent drafts

COLORING AND VENTILATION

A bat zone is what is used to distinguish what type of bat house design is best suited for your area. The lower 48 states are broken down into 4 zones. These bat zones determine bat house color and whether or not they should be vented. It also determines how much direct sun light your bat house should receive. When deciding on a bat house, you must ensure you purchase the right design for your area. See the map located below.



- **Zone 1:** Black/ dark finish
- **Zone 2:** Dark/ medium gray finish
- **Zone 3:** Medium/ light gray finish, vented
- **Zone 4:** White/ light shade finish, vented

SUN EXPOSURE

To create favorable conditions for colonies in the summer, internal bat house temperatures should stay between 80° F and 100° F for as long as possible.

- **Zone 1:** 6-10 hours of direct sunlight
- **Zone 2:** 6-8 hours of direct sunlight
- **Zone 3:** 6-8 hours of direct sunlight
- **Zone 4:** 6 hours of direct sunlight

LOCATION SPECIFICATIONS

The location of your bat house is extremely important for it to function as intended. You need to make sure the property where the bat house will be located can abide by the following recommendations:

- All bat houses should be mounted at least 12 feet above ground, however 15 to 20 feet is ideal
- Most bat nursery colonies choose roosts within 1/4 mile of water, preferably a stream, river or lake
- Place bat houses at least 20 to 25 feet from nearby tree branches, wires or other access points from predators
- Bat house should be installed in a location that has at least 6 hours of direct sunlight (*see sun exposure section for guidelines*)
- Avoid placing the bat house in locations with lots of artificial light

WHY P&S COUNTRY CRAFTS?

- Bat Conservation International Certified
- Custom built to match your zone location
- Eco-friendly materials
 - Nontoxic paint
 - Local wood from trees already damaged from storms and natural disasters
- Sturdy construction
- Ready to mount the day you receive it
- Proven to work
- Money back guarantee



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