

Hello and welcome to a Bit Batty - a Florida bat podcast. I'm Ally Nasworthy and today we're discussing the Florida Bonneted Bat.

The Florida Bonneted bat or *Eumops Floridanus* is the rarest bat in America. This species is only found in Florida, and even then is only found in half of the state. This bat is most commonly found in the Miami area but has limited populations as far north as Osceola county.

The Florida Bonneted Bat is one of the largest species in North America, weighing between 40 and 65 grams and boasting a wingspan of up to 20 inches. That's nearly two feet!

This species' echolocation call is actually within the range of human hearing, so we can actually hear what it sounds like as these guys hunt their insectoid prey. Take a listen.

*Audio of a Florida Bonneted Bat call*

Truly wild what can be found in Florida. This bat is endangered, as its habitats are threatened by natural disasters such as hurricanes and destruction by humans. To learn how you can help protect these Florida wonders, Visit [www.floridabonnetedbat.org](http://www.floridabonnetedbat.org)

That's all for this time- thanks for taking the time to be a bit batty.

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