

How do bats control the insect population?

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Bats play an essential role in controlling the insect population in the [rainforest](#) and our agricultural [plantations](#). Each night, when a giant colony of bats flutters into the sky, it consumes thousands of pounds of [mosquitoes](#) and agricultural [pests](#). Some species of bats can eat half their body weight in bugs each night. That's about 3,000 insects a night! Every night they fly out to feed, each eating at least 10 grams of insects while hunting; this number can go up to 10 tonnes of insects consumed in a single night.