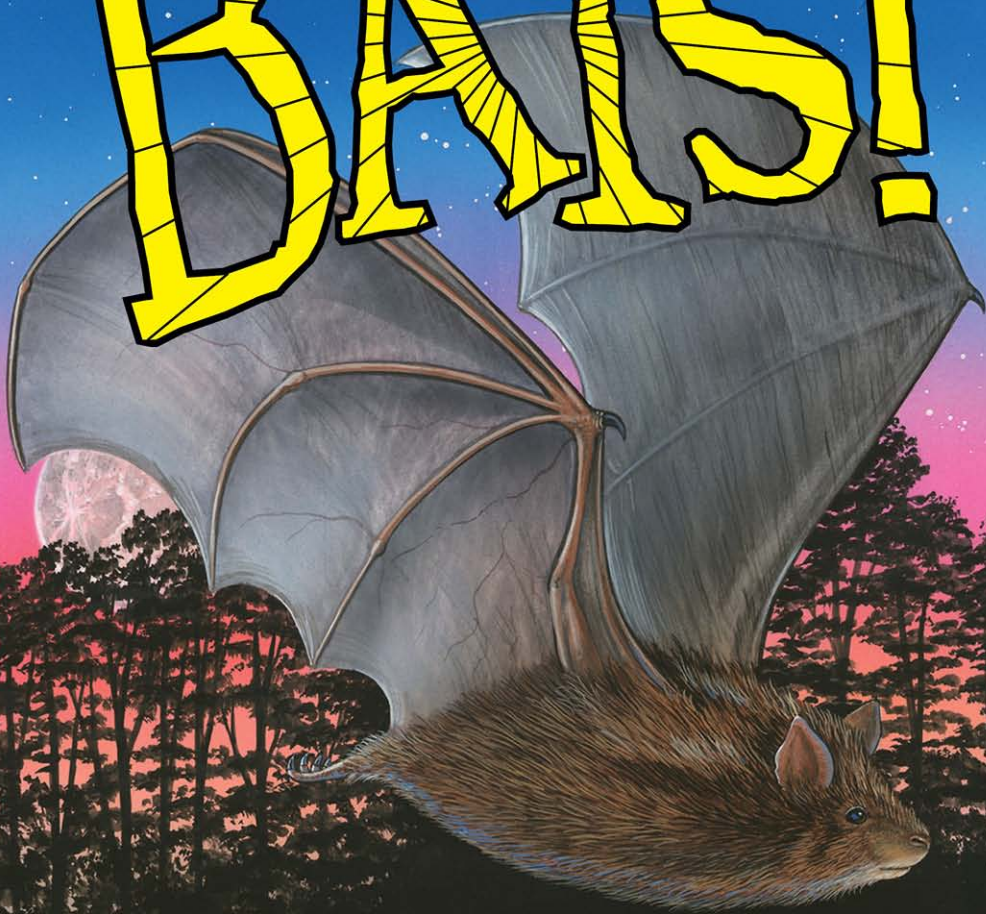
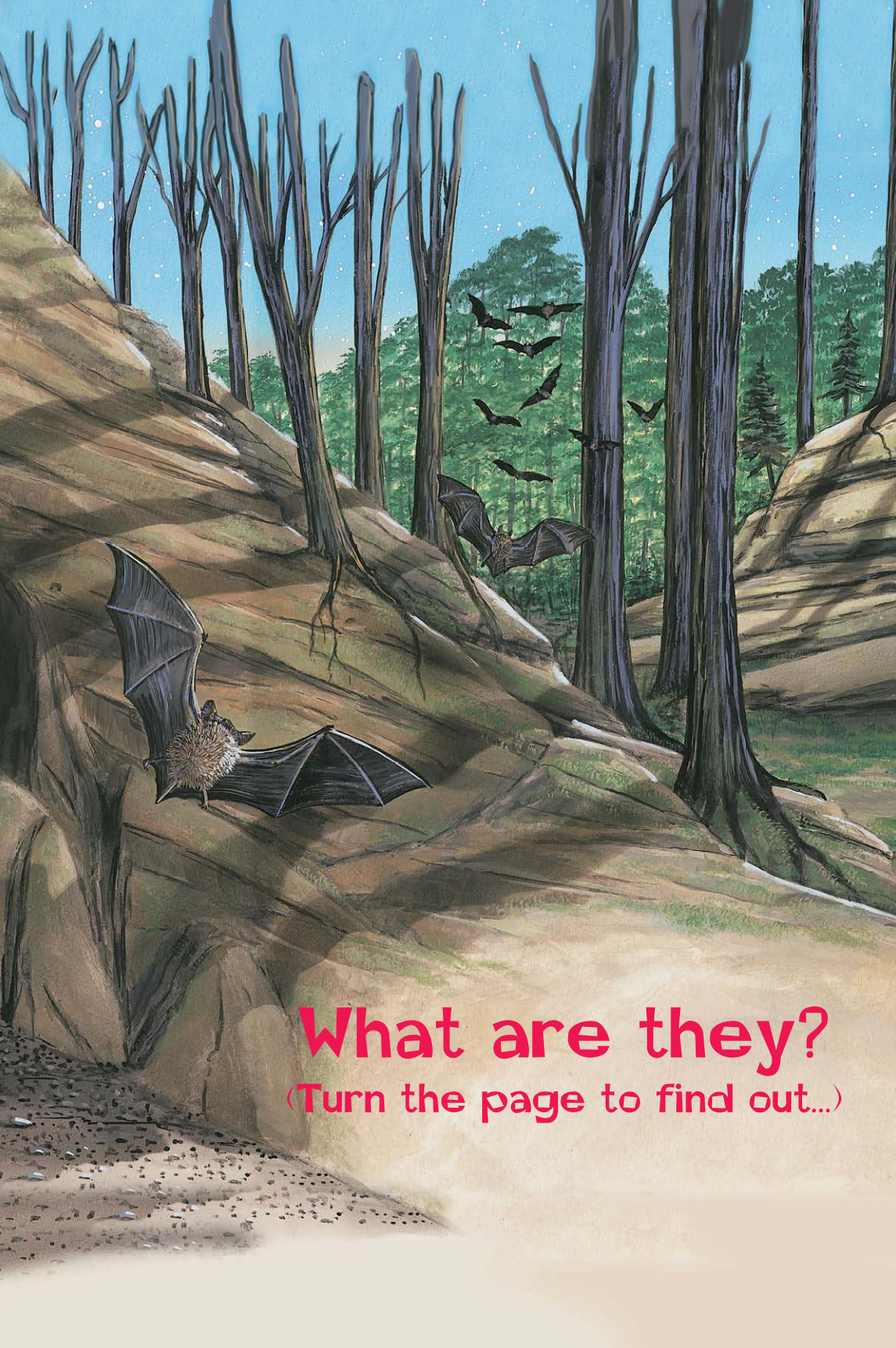


BATS!



In the dark of night they fly. By day, they sleep hanging upside down. And there are almost 1,000 different kinds of them.



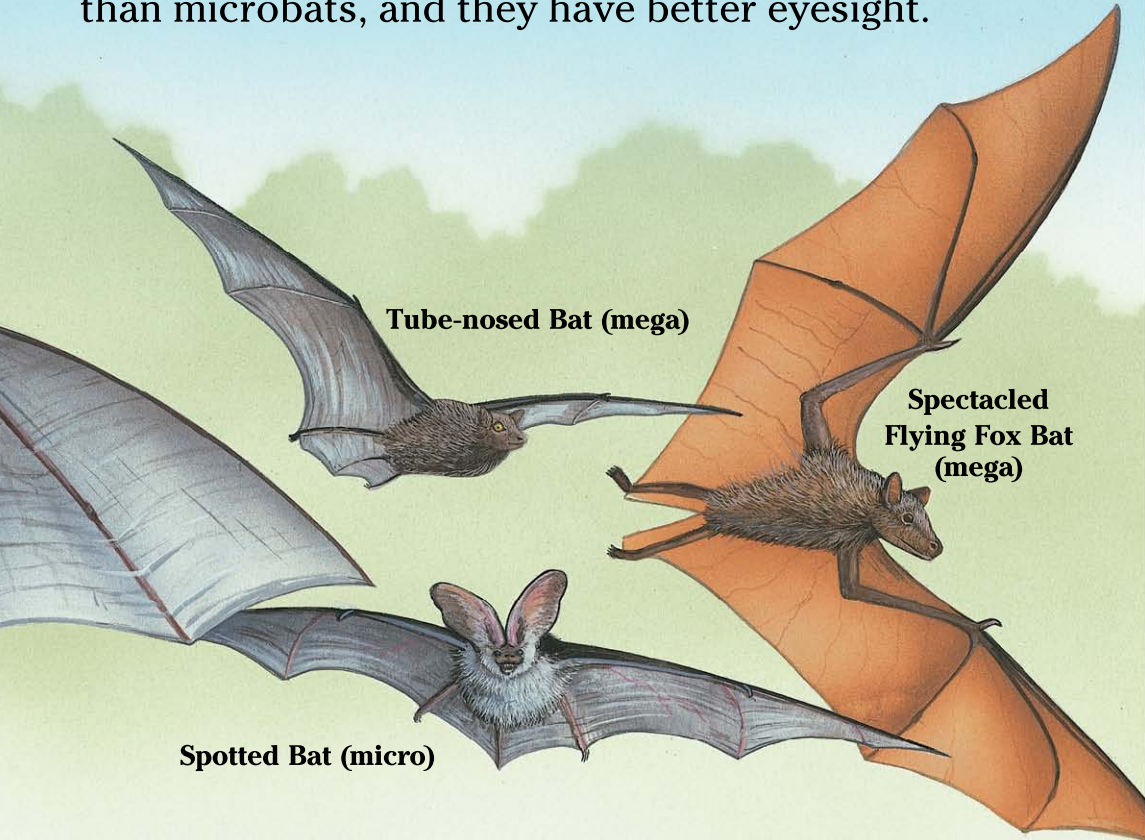


What are they?
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What is a bat?

Like dogs and cats, bats belong to a group of animals called **mammals**. Like all mammal mothers, bat moms feed their babies milk.

Scientists divide bats into two main groups—**megabats** and **microbats**. Megabats are usually larger than microbats, and they have better eyesight.

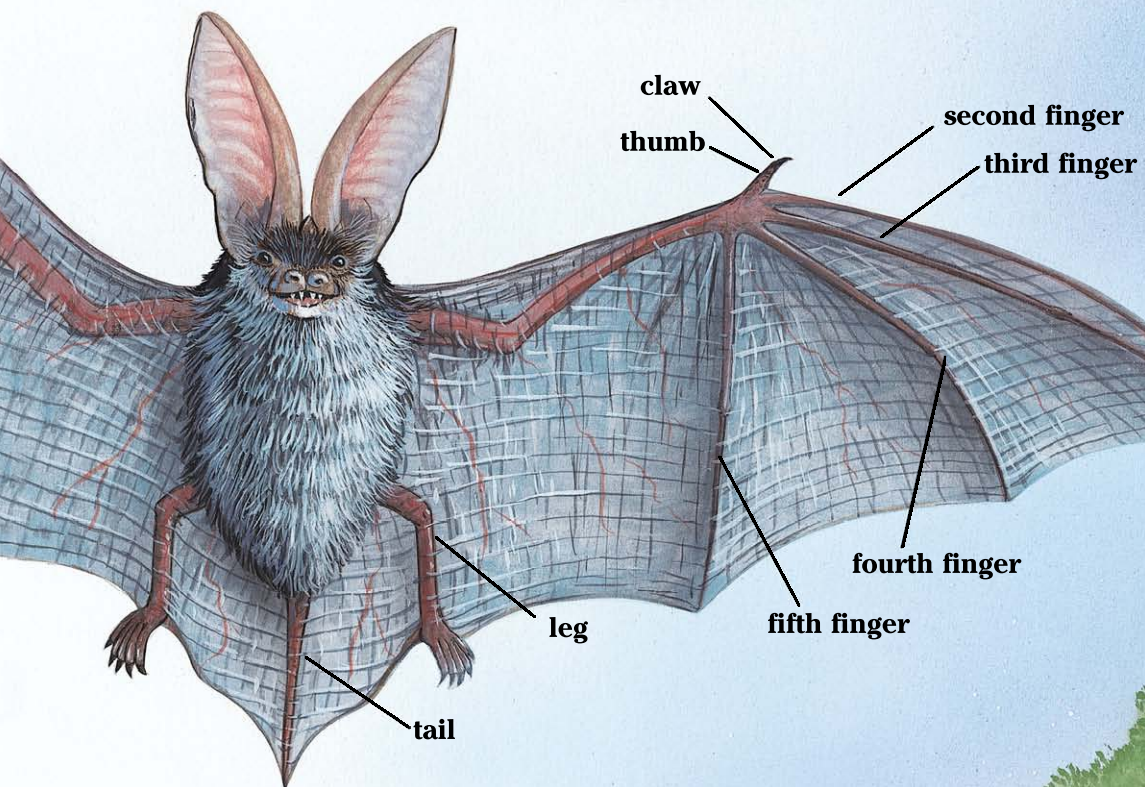


Tube-nosed Bat (mega)

Spectacled
Flying Fox Bat
(mega)

Spotted Bat (micro)

The bat is the only kind of mammal that can fly. In fact, some bats can only fly—they cannot walk! A bat's wings are made of thin skin that's attached to its furry body and feet. Each wing includes five fingers, one of which is a claw. The bat's feet also have toes with claws. All of these claws help the bat hold onto rocks and branches.



From tip to tip, some kinds of bats, like Giant Flying Foxes, have a wingspan as wide as 6 feet (2m). But there are also tiny bats, like Bumblebee Bats, with wingspans of only 6 inches (15cm) —smaller than the length of a new pencil. Bats may weigh less than a penny. Or they can weigh as much as 2.2 pounds (1kg) —the weight of a 700-page book!

Did you know that the Bumblebee Bat is the smallest mammal in the world?



Giant Flying Fox

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