

## **Bat Surveys**

You have a development project in mind for your property - but you've been told that you'll to need to conduct a bat study.

Here's why, and what's involved.

Four species of bats are listed as Endangered under Species at Risk legislation in Ontario and across Canada. This Endangered status is due to an introduced Eurasian disease, which seriously impacts survival rates of North American bats.

Dougan & Associates offers a full complement of wildlife consulting services. This includes in-house ecologists and specialized equipment to complete surveys for the presence, abundance and habitat use of bats within any study area.

Bat survey protocols can vary based on regional agency requirements. They typically involve the examination of a property for suitable habitat and bat roost cavities (including trees and buildings). In some cases, acoustic ultrasound detection of bats using specialized equipment, software and seasonal timeframes is required.

If you've been asked to complete a bat study, Dougan & Associates has the expertise, specialized tools and experience to conduct a robust bat survey and guide you through agency requirements.