



## COUNCIL & FLYING-FOX MANAGEMENT

Council adopted a multi-faceted strategy to managing flying-foxes in urban areas and aims to balance protection of spectacled flying-foxes and the amenity of residents.

Cairns Regional Council works with wildlife experts, carers and staff to address flying-fox management issues. When managing flying-foxes in urban areas, Council considers both the needs and expectations of the community and the welfare of the animals, by using scientific advice and compliance standards set out by the State and Federal Governments.



## BATS AND TREES SOCIETY OF CAIRNS (BAT SOC)

Bats and Trees Society of Cairns (BatSoc) Inc is a wholly volunteer-run not-for-profit incorporated association dedicated to the care, protection and conservation of bats in the Cairns region and founding member of the Spectacled Flying-fox Recovery Team.

If you are interested in a talk by BatSoc or in helping deliver school education, community events, train as a volunteer carer, support the committee or simply want further information, please visit: [www.batsoc.org.au](http://www.batsoc.org.au)

**Get the bat facts.**  
[www.cairns.qld.gov.au/bats](http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/bats)

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# FLYING FOXES

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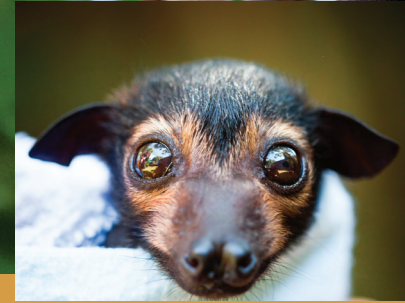
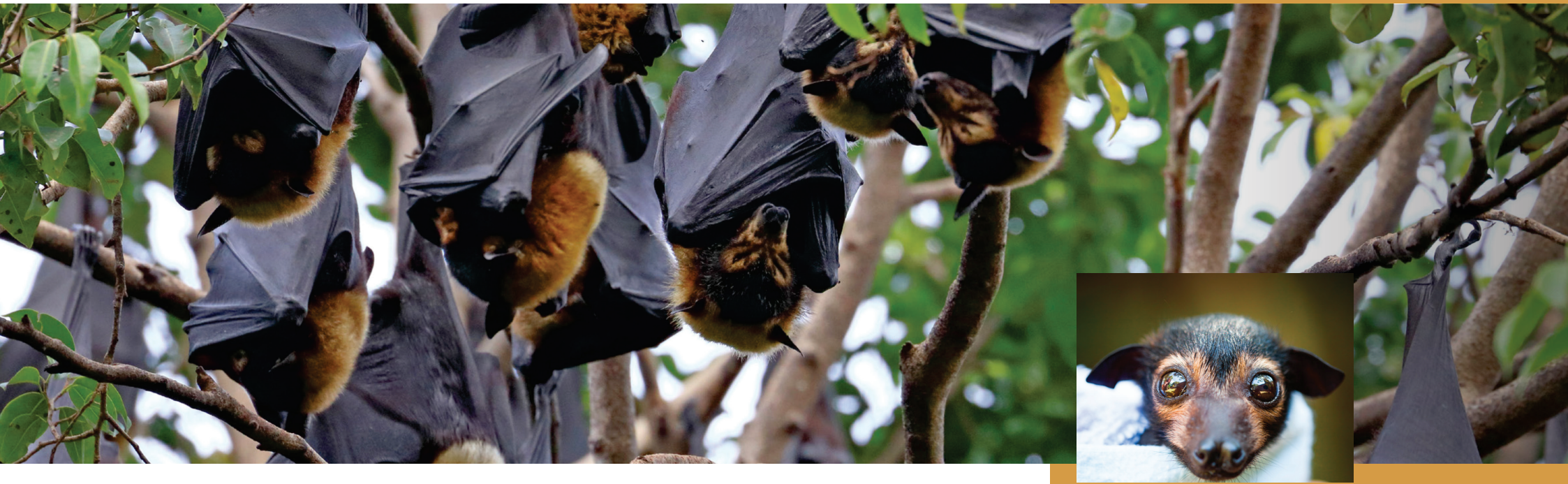


## NO TOUCH, NO RISK

Flying-foxes are an important wildlife species. If you see a fallen or injured flying-fox, please do not touch it. Contact FNQ Wildlife Rescue on 4053 4467 for assistance. If you are concerned about flying-foxes at your property contact Council on 1300 692 247.



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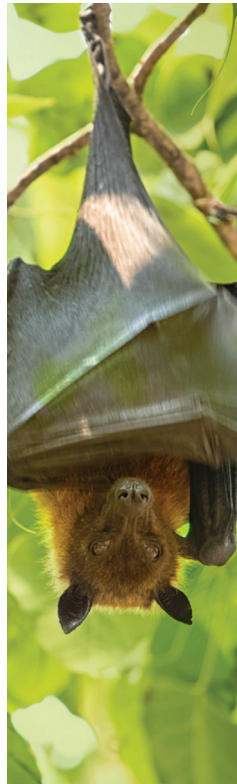


## ABOUT FLYING-FOXES

Black, Little Red, Grey-headed and Spectacled are the names of the four mainland species of flying-foxes in Australia. The main species seen in the Cairns region are the endangered Spectacled Flying-fox and the Little Red Flying-fox. Spectacled Flying-foxes are only found in the Wet Tropics, so they are endemic to this part of Australia.

Spectacled Flying-foxes play a crucial role in the Australian eco-system by being one of the most efficient pollinators and seed dispersers of native Australian forest trees. They travel great distances each night in search of food. Spectacled flying-fox roosts are mainly seasonal with numbers and composition of the camps changing constantly.

Like all native wildlife, flying-foxes are a protected species in Queensland under the Nature Conservation Act and are listed as “endangered” under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.



## WHEN IS BABY SEASON?

The Spectacled Flying-fox Baby Bat season is between October and December.

- Spectacled Flying-foxes mate in March/ April and give birth to a single young between October and December.
- Little Red Flying-foxes mate in November/December and give birth to a single young in April/May.

## NO TOUCH, NO RISK

Like all wildlife, bats and flying-foxes may carry bacteria and viruses which can be harmful to humans but the risk of infection is low. If you are accidentally bitten or scratched by any bat immediately:

- Wash the wound thoroughly.
- Apply an antiseptic and cover the wound.
- Seek medical advice immediately.



## WHAT DO I DO IF I FIND A SICK, INJURED OR DEAD BAT?

If you see a fallen or injured bat, please do not touch it. Contact FNQ Wildlife Rescue on 4053 4467 for assistance. If you are concerned about flying-foxes at your property contact Council on 1300 692 247.

## WHAT IF FLYING-FOXES COME INTO MY PROPERTY?

If you see or hear flying-foxes in trees near your home at night, it's more than likely they're only there temporarily to feed. Flying-foxes are nocturnal animals that fly out from their camp at sunset and move around the region at night searching for food. They return to a camp for rest in the daytime, but they might not use the same camp every day.

It's illegal to harm or harass flying-foxes with noise or threatening behaviour, fines may apply. Also, attempting to disturb flying-foxes is likely to make flying-foxes even noisier for you and your neighbours.

If you are concerned about flying-foxes at your property contact Council on 1300 69 22 47.