

Eastern Bentwing Bat

Scientific Name:

Miniopterus schreibersii oceanensis

Conservation Status in NSW:

Vulnerable

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SPECIAL NOTE: The Eastern Bentwing Bat feeds on flying insects such as moths.

Description:

Small reddish brown furry body about 60mm in length with a wingspan of about 300mm.

Habitat:

They roost in caves or culverts near or in bushland. Roosting colonies can number between 100 and 1500 individuals. They feed on flying insects such as moths.

Threats:

Threats the Eastern Bentwing Bat are faced with include:

- loss of habitat
- predation by foxes and feral cats
- use of pesticide in areas where they feed.

Reference: www.threatenedspecies.environment.nsw.gov.au