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# Brilliant Bats

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# Dear family <sup>and friends</sup> of new readers,

Welcome to Icky Sticky Readers, part of the Scholastic Reader program. At Scholastic, we have taken over ninety years' worth of experience with teachers, parents, and children and put it into a program that is designed to match your child's interest and skills. Scholastic Readers are designed to support your child's efforts to learn how to read at every age and every stage.

**LEVEL  
1  
READER**

- Beginning Reader
- Preschool–Grade 1
- Sight words
- Words to sound out
- Simple sentences

**LEVEL  
2  
READER**

- Developing Reader
- Grades 1–2
- New vocabulary
- Longer sentences

**LEVEL  
3  
READER**

- Growing Reader
- Grades 1–3
- Reading for inspiration and information

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## ICKY STICKY STICKERS

Every time you see this bat symbol, look for a sticker to fill the space!





# Brilliant bats

You think all bats are scary bloodsuckers? Well, some of them are! But many, many more eat nothing but bugs or fruit. Here come some BRILLIANT bats. Here's a huge fruit bat.

There's a teeny-weeny bumblebee bat.

Here's an orange bat, and a bat that hovers.







**ICKY STICKY  
STICKERS**

Ready for Halloween?  
This painted bat is!



fruit bat's  
wingspan: **5 feet**

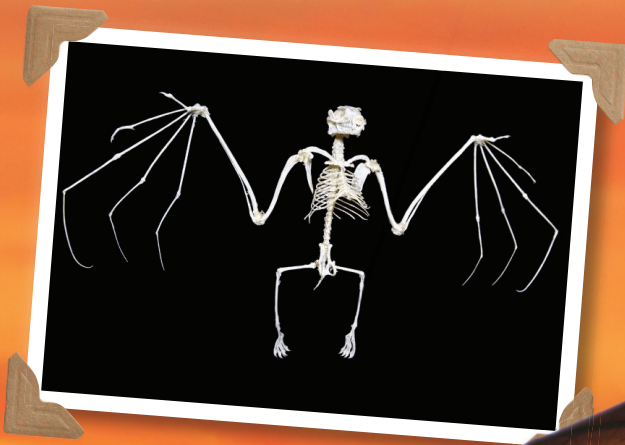


bumblebee bat's  
wingspan: **5 inches**





Like us, bats are mammals. They provide milk for their babies. Unlike us, bats can FLY! Their hands are their wings. They have very long finger bones. A thin layer of skin, called a membrane, stretches between the bones.



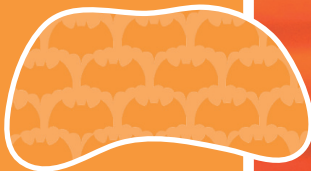
fruit bat

A bat's hand has four long fingers and a short thumb.



### ICKY STICKY STICKERS

The ghost bat has a furry white belly.





Say it

membrane

(say MEM-brane)

A thin sheet or  
layer of skin.

New word

When they fly, bats don't flap like birds do. They SCOOP their wings forward. Some bats scoop up tasty bugs as they fly!



IS IT A  
BIRD?

IS IT A  
PLANE?

NO! I'M  
THE ONLY  
FLYING MAMMAL!

