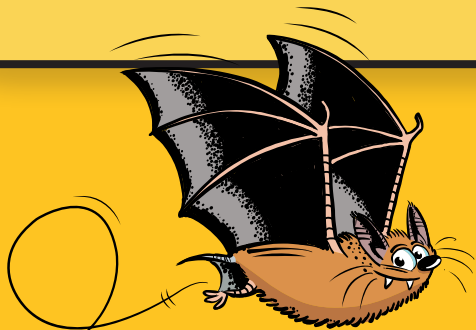


Long-eared bat

Our work and bats

Bats are one of the most prevalent species on Earth, with more than 1,300 species sharing the planet with us.

In the UK we have 18 species of bat. Some species weigh less than a penny, while others have a whopping 1.8m wingspan.



Pipistrelle bat

Hi, I'm an ecologist and I work with wildlife and the environment. My job on road schemes is to find out what wildlife is in the area and make sure we keep any 'protected species' - like bats, great crested newts and badgers - safe as we work.

I work with the teams who build, repair and maintain roads to make sure the local environment is properly assessed and protected.



Yellow wagtail

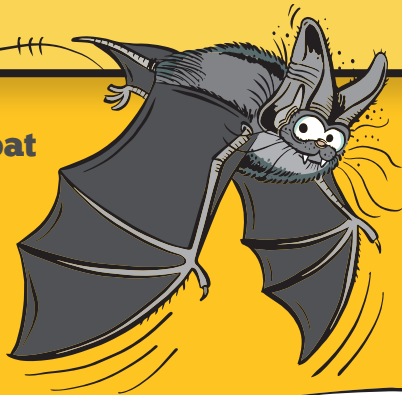


Badger

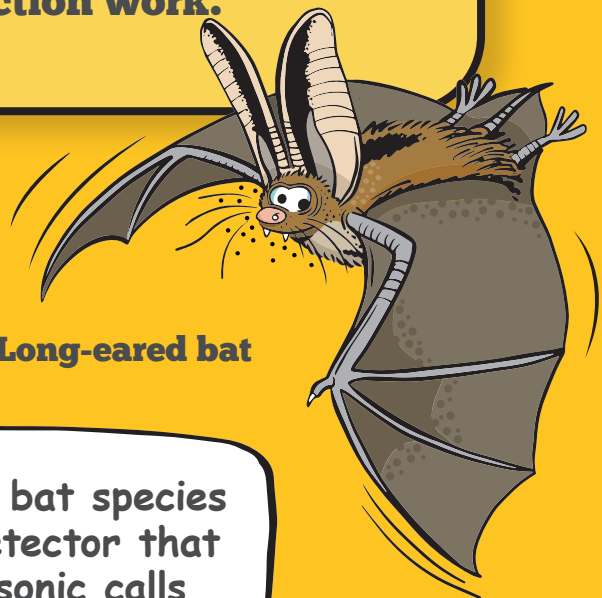
Our work and bats

Whenever we are building a road scheme, we try to create more habitat for bats than the area started out with. We put a long-term plan in place to check back on any species we're providing habitat for. This is how we make sure they are settled in once we've finished any construction work.

Barbastelle bat



Long-eared bat



I can identify bat species using a bat detector that converts ultrasonic calls into sounds

Pipistrelle bat





Pipistrelle bat

Protecting wildlife

National Highways is a large landowner in the UK, so we have a duty of care to protect the wildlife that lives in and around the land we own, take care of or develop. We often work with local bat and wildlife groups to do this.



Kingfisher



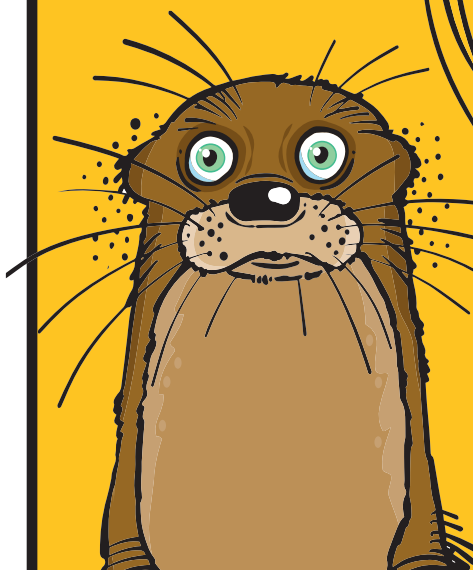
Sparrow



Badger

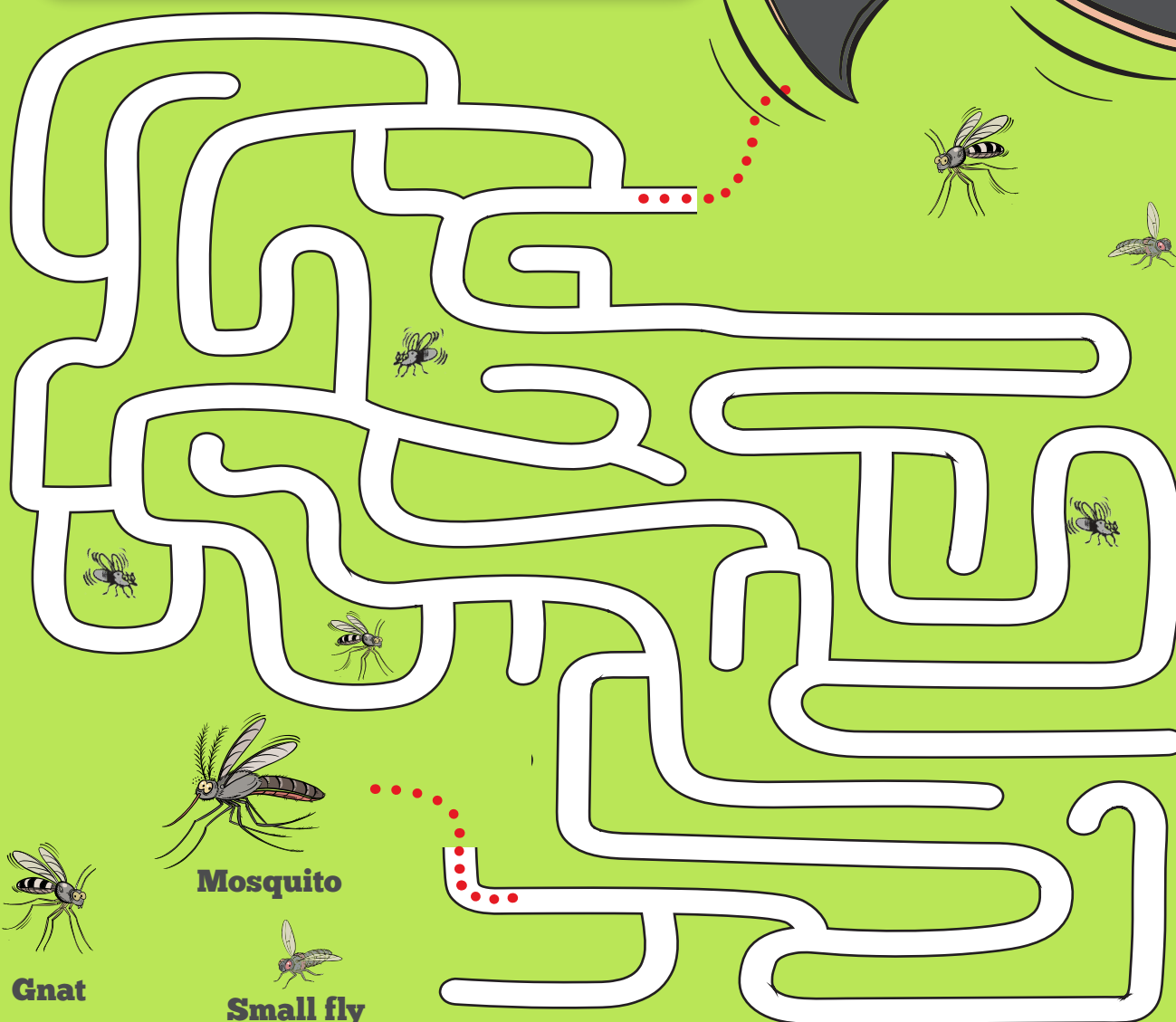


Otter



Helping bats find their way...

Can you help this one find its way
to the yummy insects?



Gnat



Mosquito



Small fly

Did you know?

A single pipistrelle can eat up to

3,000

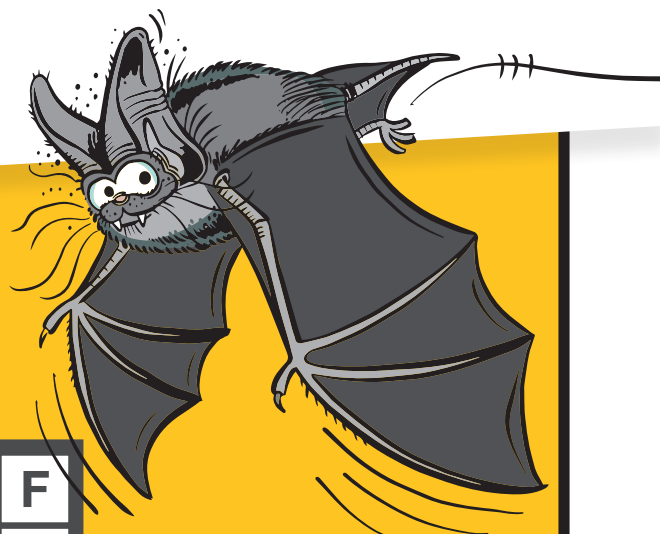
insects in one night!



Crane fly



Lacewing



Help us find the bats



Pipistrelle
Long eared
Leisler's
Horseshoe
Noctule
Serotine
Barbastelle

Help us find the different species of bats we have in the UK in the wordsearch grid above.

Bats love hiding away in quiet places to roost and nest! When we work on building or changing a road, we make sure we survey the area for bats that might be disturbed by our work.

If we find any, we make sure they have safe homes to relocate to. We also check on them when we're finished to make sure they've established themselves in their new habitats.

