**Basic Information: Bats of the savannah**

**Common names: Bats, fruit bats, leaf-nosed bats, sheath-tailed bats, slit-faced bats, horseshoe bats, vesper bats and free-tailed bats**

**Identification pointers: Microchirptera:** flat faces; large ears; small eyes; **Megachiroptera:** large eyes; pointy, dog-like face.

**Can be confused with:** Each other

**Activity period:** Nocturnal

**Wingspan:** 15-60cm **Height:** 7-15cm **Weight:** 5-300g

**Gestation period:** ±3-8 months

**Diet: Microchiroptera:** insects; **Megachiroptera:** fruit, nectar, pollen

**Predators:** Snakes, bat hawks and other birds of prey.

**Preferred habitat:** present in most of Africa apart from the driest deserts. Require trees, caves or other overhanging features to roost

**Red List status:** several species listed as endangered in Africa

**Population:** decreasing

**Threats:** Light and noise pollution, pesticides, human expansion