

# A PLACE FOR BATS



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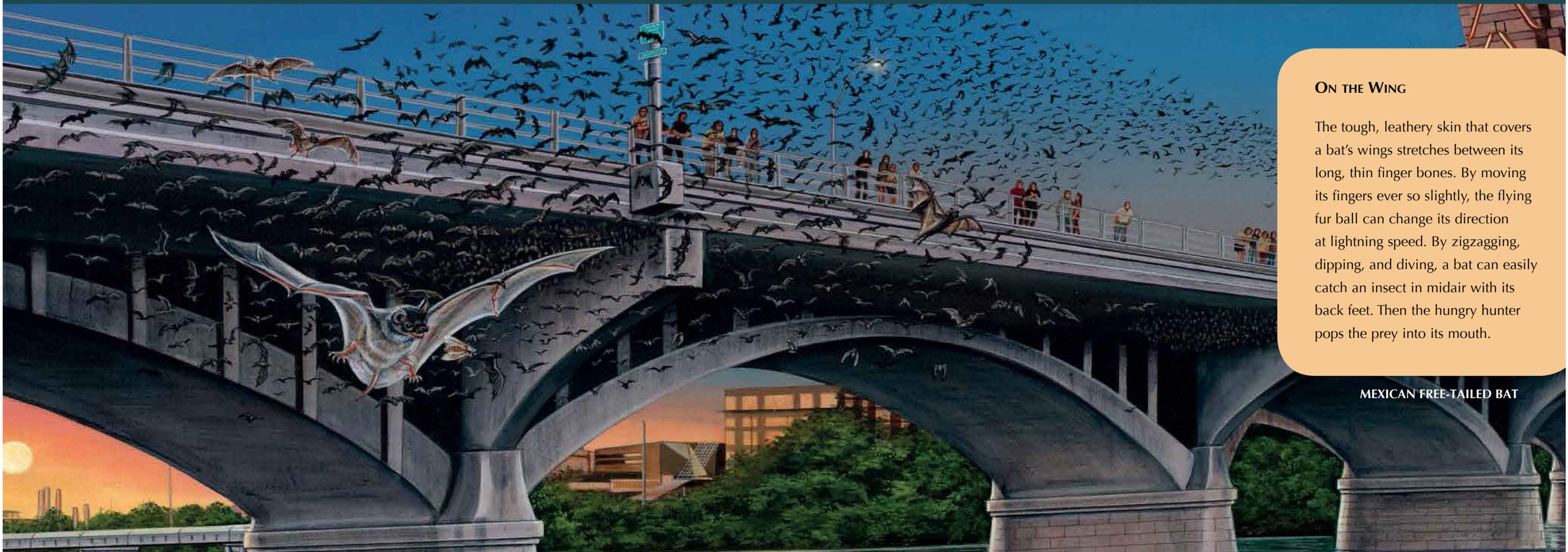
**B**ats make our world a better place. But sometimes people do things that make it hard for them to live and grow.

If we work together to help these winged creatures of the night, there will always be a place for bats.

#### ON THE WING

The tough, leathery skin that covers a bat's wings stretches between its long, thin finger bones. By moving its fingers ever so slightly, the flying fur ball can change its direction at lightning speed. By zigzagging, dipping, and diving, a bat can easily catch an insect in midair with its back feet. Then the hungry hunter pops the prey into its mouth.

MEXICAN FREE-TAILED BAT



**F**or bats to survive, they need to stay safe and healthy. Many bats are killed by people who think bats are dangerous.

But bats can't hurt us, and they devour pesky insects all night long. When people learn the truth about these little nighttime flyers, bats can live and grow.

#### INDIANA BAT

In the 1800s, millions of Indiana bats spent the winter in caves in Kentucky, Missouri, and Indiana. People snuck into some of the caves and killed the bats with clubs. Sometimes they set fires so the bats would burn. By the 1960s, almost all the bats were gone. Today, groups like Bat Conservation International are letting people know that bats are an important part of our world. Hopefully, educating people will help save Indiana bats.

