

Australian Cave Animal of the Year 2022

Ghost Bat *Macroderma gigas*

Batting for Bats in 2022.

All the countries with Cave Animal of the Year programs have a bat for their 2022 animal in a bid to raise community understanding of the plight of bats.

The ghost bats certainly need friends. It is listed as endangered under state legislation in South Australia and Queensland, vulnerable under Western Australian legislation and the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, and near threatened in the Northern Territory.

Can you help raise the profile of the ghost bat in 2022? Are you able to display a poster in your workplace, show cave site, national park site, library, class room, local school or any other public place? Please get in touch with me at hello@caveanimaloftheyear.org.au

We still have a dozen ghost bat mugs (\$10 plus postage) if you'd like one for your collection or a gift for a cave or bat loving friend.

Learn more about the ghost bat at www.caveanimaloftheyear.com

Wikipedia has excellent readily available material:

Ghost bat - Wikipedia (which includes a map of the ghost bat's current range)

Bat - Wikipedia

Animal echolocation - Wikipedia

Thanks for joining in the effort to Bat for Bats in 2022.

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