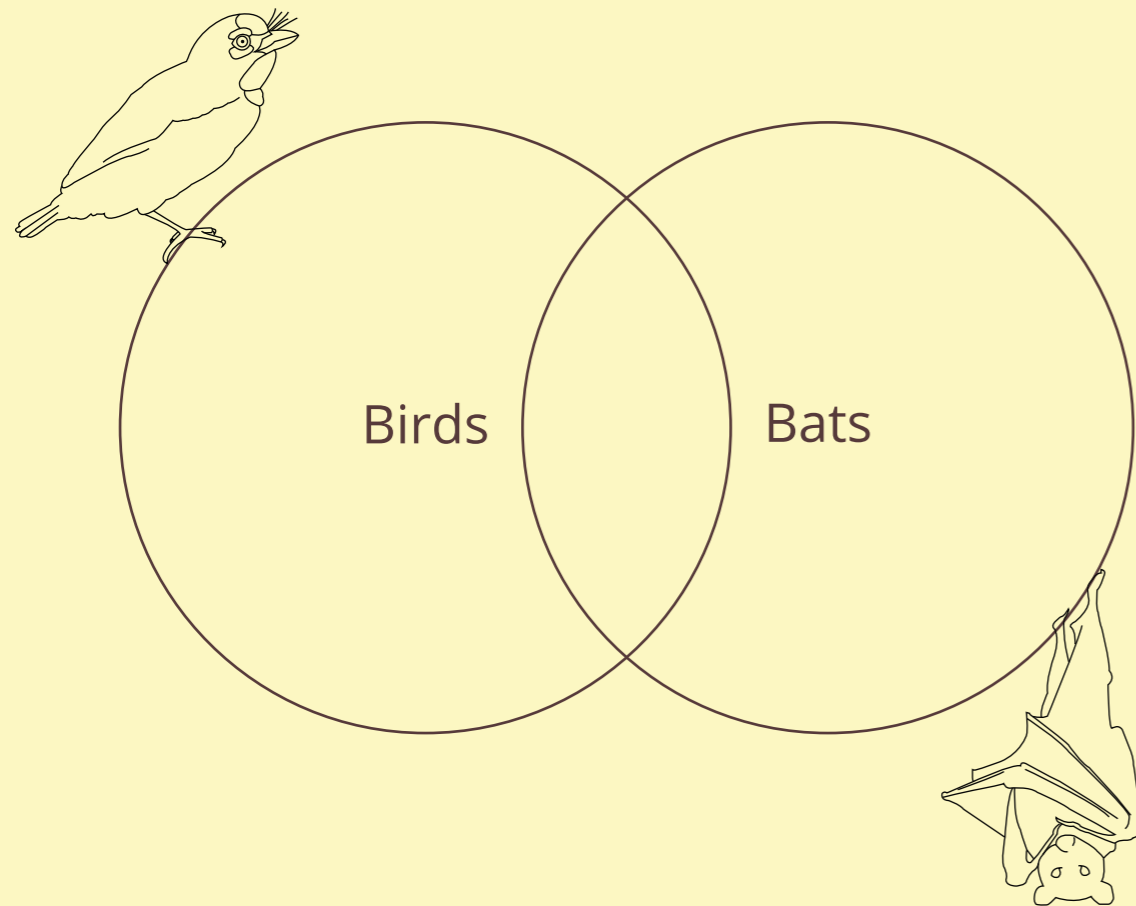


Q: What is the difference between birds and bats?



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## Bats : Flying Mammals



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### Know Your Bats

Bats are mammals; like dogs, cats, goats, cows and us!  
Bats give birth to live young.

They are the only mammals that can fly like birds.

Bats have wings made of skin stretched between extremely thin finger bones.

The largest bats in India are called the Indian Flying Fox.

## Bat Behaviour



Bats eat insects, fruits and drink nectar.

Sometimes, they drop the seeds of fruits in different places.

Some even catch lizards, frogs and fish.



Bats are nocturnal animals; this means that they are active at night.

Bats usually rest and sleep (roost) in caves, on trees, behind rocks and in old, disused buildings.

## Bats Around Us

*Where have you seen bats?  
Can you describe them - their size, colour, behaviour?*

You may have seen bats hanging from electric wires in cities and towns.

Many bats die of electric shock when their wings touch the electric wires.



*What would you do if you saw a bat inside your home?*

## Bat Facts

Bats have very good hearing.

They make certain noises that come back to them.

This helps them find out where something is. It also helps them catch their food. We cannot hear the noises bats make.

These are high pitched and out of our hearing range.

*How many high pitched noises and calls can you make?*

