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Ghost-faced bat, *Mormoops megalophylla*, by Fiona A. Reid. This leaf-chinned bat occurs in southern Texas. It has rounded ears and a very peculiar face with flaps of skin on the chin. At rest its tail sticks out of the tail membrane. From: A Field Guide to the Mammals of North America north of Mexico, by Fiona A. Reid. 2006. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. Illustrations copyright Fiona A. Reid 2007 (reproduced with permission from the artist).

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The photograph of a little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*) was taken in January 2008 by Al Hicks, New York Department of Environmental Conservation. The little brown bat is afflicted with white-nose syndrome, which is associated with the deaths of thousands of bats in the northeastern United States again this year. A paper describing this serious problem is published in this issue. Photographs reproduced with the permission of Al Hicks. 2008. All rights reserved.

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Silver-haired bat, *Lasionycteris noctivagans*, by Fiona A. Reid. These attractive bats have black fur that is well-frosted with white and thickly haired tail membranes. The edge of the ears is yellowish. From: A Field Guide to the Mammals of North America north of Mexico, by Fiona A. Reid. 2006. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. Illustrations copyright Fiona A. Reid (reproduced with permission from the artist).

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The cover illustration of *Pteropus livingstonii* is by Alice Hughes, a Ph.D. student at Bristol University. Livingstone's Fruit Bat (also known as the Comoro Flying Fox) has large red eyes and is one of the world's largest bat species (average wingspan 150 cm, length 30 cm, weight 700 g). This species is found only on two of the Comoro Islands and is listed as Critically Endangered. Fortunately, there are a number of captive breeding programs, which have release plans to bolster wild populations of *P. livingstonii*. Land management plans also are being developed in cooperation with the local communities and government that will help protect the habitat in which these beautiful animals live.

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This close-up photo of a harem of greater spear-nosed bats (*Phyllostomus hastatus*) was taken in Cueva Club de Montaña in central Panama. The cave was not long—just 46 meters of passage—but had nice speleothems, and there were six species of bats using it as a day roost (*P. hastatus, Artibeus jamaicensis, Saccopteryx leptura, Desmodus rotundus, Carollia perspicillata,* and *Glossophaga* sp.). Five harems of *P. hastatus* were noted, and this harem had 19 bats (including the dominant male). The total bat population in the cave was roughly 450 bats. Photo by Keith Christenson.

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A hairy-legged vampire bat, *Diphylla ecaudata*, peers out from the body of a pea hen in Bill Schutt's "Dark Banquet: Blood and the Curious Lives of Blood-Feeding Creatures" (reviewed in this issue). Figure copyright 2008 by Patricia J. Wynne.

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