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Report Text

Southern Bent-wing Bats

Southern bent wing bats live in Southern Australia. They are flying mammals from the microbat family measuring a tiny 52-58 millimeters in length. This species of bat is also known as *Miniopterus oranae bassanli* and is currently an endangered species.

Home and Territory

The habitat of the southern bent wing bat are limestone caves, lava tunnels, coastal cliff rock crevices, and man-made tunnels found on the border between Southern Victoria and South Australia. They like these environments because they provide warmth and protection for them and their young.

Echolocation

Southern bent wing bats do not rely on their sense of sight for night vision instead of making screeching high-pitched squeals that echo from their surroundings. This technique is called echolocation.

Food

The diet of the Southern bent wing bat is made up of eating moths and beetles. They catch their food whilst flying as beetles and moths are caught on their wings, tail and sometimes directly in their mouth. Amazingly they can detect tiny insects without the sense of sight.

Offspring and Life Span

Baby bent wing bats are called pups and are born naked but then soon grow back fur upon their body. The pups will attempt their first flight when they are around four to five weeks old. They are born between October to January in special caves called maternity caves which have the right structure for young pups to be nursed and learn to fly. A Southern bent wing bat will live for approximately twenty years.

Threats

Some threats to the Southern bent wing bats are flooding of their caves which causes them to lose their food source. They can also unknowingly eat insects that have been poisoned by humans and if they are disturbed during hibernation, it often results in them dying.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this text is to _____

2. Title

a) The subject of the report is _____

b) Write an alternative title for the report. _____

3. Classification

a) The subject of the report is _____

b) Why do you think Southern bent wing bats are endangered?

4. Description

a) Which adjectives describes the home and territory of Southern bent wing bat? _____

b) Why do Southern bent wing bats love maternity caves? _____

c) Threats. Write an opinion and a fact from this section.

Fact _____

Opinion _____