

# EDGAR & EUGENE

These two came to NLDC in 2017 from the Milwaukee County Humane Society where they were treated for injuries. Because of the severity of their injuries, they are unable to fly so they could not be released back into the wild. Eugene has a broken shoulder and Edgar has a crushed wing, but that doesn't stop them from crawling around their enclosure looking for mealworms!



Big brown bats  
can be found  
everywhere in the  
United States!

## Big Brown Bats

*Eptesicus fuscus*

Apakwaanaajinh

"apa-kwon-ah-jeen"



## SPECIES PROFILE

**State Status** - Threatened, uncommon

**Habitat** - Prefer deciduous forests with an abundance of roosting sites where they can hibernate throughout the winter

**Diet** - Insectivorous, will primarily eat small beetles and other flying insects

**Average Size** - 12-13" wingspan

**Lifespan** - Up to 20 years old in captivity and up to 30 years old in the wild

**Fun fact** - Bats are incredible at controlling pests. Without insect-eating bats, farmers in Wisconsin would have to pay up to \$1.5 billion for pesticides to keep their crops from being decimated by insects