



# Illinois ENDANGERED & THREATENED SPECIES



## gray bat *Myotis grisescens* [state and federally endangered]

The gray bat may be found in Illinois near the Ohio River in the summer and along the southern one-half of the Mississippi River and in west central Illinois in winter. It lives in a cave or mine in the summer while in winter, it hibernates in a cave. The gray bat eats insects. Young are born in late May and June. One young is born per female. The young bat can fly about four weeks after birth.

### Reasons for Concern

- bats ingesting insecticides from their prey
- human disturbance
- vandalization of caves

