

A CEYLON  
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GUIDE

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A CHECKLIST  
TO THE 37  
BATS OF SRI  
LANKA

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# BATS



# 1 THE EXTRA SMALL BATS

1.  
20 mm The Indian Pygmy Pipistrelle Bat - *Pipistrellus  
mimus mimus*.

2.  
30-55 mm Painted Bat - *Kerivoula picta*.

3.  
35-52 mm The Pungent Pipistrelle - *Hypsugo mordax*.

4.  
39-41 mm Hardwicke's Forest Bat - *Kerivoula  
hardwicki* / The Malpas Bat.

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## THE SMALL BATS

1.  
40-50 mm Indian Pipistrelle - *Pipistrellus coromandra*.

2.  
40-50 mm Fulvous Leaf-Nosed Bat - *Hipposideros fulvus*.

3.  
40-135 mm Sri Lankan Leaf-Nosed Bat - *Hipposideros srilankaensis*.

4.  
42-66 mm Rufous Horseshoe Bat - *Rhinolophus rouxii*.

5.  
44-60 mm Van Hasselt's Mouse-Eared Bat - *Myotis hasseltii*.

6.  
45-59 mm Cantor's Leaf-Nosed Bat - *Hipposideros galeritus*.

7.

45–59.5 mm The Dekhan Leaf-Nosed Bat - *Hipposideros brachyotus*.

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45-60 mm Schneider's Leaf-Nosed bat - *Hipposideros speoris*.

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## THE MEDIUM SIZED BATS

1.  
50 mm The Sri Lankan Woolly Bat - *Kerivoula malpasi*.

2.  
51-59 mm Schreiber's Long-fingered bat - *Miniopterus fuliginosus*.

3.  
50-55 mm The Ceylon Bi-Coloured Leaf-Nosed Bat or Dusky Leaf-nosed bat - *Hipposideros ater*.

4.  
50-56 mm Phillip's Long-Fingered Bat - *Miniopterus phillipsi*.

# 4 LARGE BATS

1.  
60-70 mm Indian Pygmy bat - *Pipistrellus tenuis*.

2.  
60-78 mm The Lesser Yellow Bat - *Scotophilus temminckii wroughtoni*.

3.  
60-80 mm Egyptian Free-Tailed bat - *Tadarida aegyptiaca*.

4.  
61-79 mm Tickell's Bat - *Hesperoptenus tickelli*.

5.  
65-75 mm The Wrinkle-Lipped Free-Tailed Bat - *Mops plicatus*.

6.

65-95 mm Greater False Vampire Bat - *Megaderma*  
*lyra*.

7.67-86 mm Black-Beared Tomb Bat - *Taphozous*  
*melanopogon*.

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## EXTRA LARGE BATS

1.

70 mm Lesser Woolly Horseshoe Bat - *Rhinolophus beddomei*.

2.

70–127 mm Lesser Dog-Faced Fruit Bat - *Cynopterus brachyotis*.

3.

73–90 mm Long-Winged Tomb Bat - *Taphozous longimanus*.

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## THE DOUBLE XL SIZED BATS

1.  
80-89 mm Round-Eared Tube-Nosed Bat - *Murina cyclotis*.

2.  
80-90 mm The Ceylon Great Horse-Shoe Bat -  
*Rhinolophus luctus sobrinus*.

3.  
83 mm The Large Leaf-Nosed Bat - *Hipposideros lankadiva*.

4.  
88-100 mm The Pouch-Bearing Sheath-Tailed Bat-  
*Taphozous Saccolaimus Crassus*.

5.  
89 mm Great Yellow Bat *Scotophilus heathi*.

6.  
89-109 mm Short-Nosed Fruit Bat - *Cynopterus sphinx*.

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## THE TRIPLE XL SIZED BATS

1.  
90 mm The Chocolate Bat - *Hypsugo affinis*.
2.  
90 mm Kelaart's Pipistrelle - *Pipistrellus ceylonicus*.
3.  
100 mm The Ceylon False Vampire Bat - *Megaderma spasma ceylonense*.
4.  
140 mm The Ceylon Fruit Bat - *Rousettus seminudus*.

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# THE MEGA BAT

1.

1200-1500 mm Common Flying Fox -  
*Pteropus giganteus*.

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# ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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He was born in Colombo and raised, with few concessions to modernity, in India, Singapore, and the Middle East. Cornish, he gained his degrees on the Celtic fringe: at the Universities of Wales, and Stirling, prolonging an introduction to accepted working hours for as long as was decently possible.

Having worked at News Corp's HarperCollins UK as board director for various otherwise homeless departments including sales, art and marketing; and HarperCollins India, he ran Hachette's consumer learning division. Prior to this, he launched Oxford University Press's first commercial online business, Oxford Reference Online.

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