

Report from the 1st European Bat Night in Catalonia

The 3rd September 2005, for the first time in Catalonia, the European Bat Night took place. It was in Granollers, a city 30km far from Barcelona and it was organized by the "Museu de Granollers. Ciències Naturals". One hundred ten people participated in the event and it was a great surprise to see the amount of people who came and also the enthusiasm they showed. Some families which required to participate were from places further than 100km away.



It was broadcasted by radios and television over the country. We are happy to realise that people is changing their mind in relation to bats. The European Bat Night is surely an event which improves people's knowledge in relation to bats as well as their sensitiveness.

We are encouraged to repeat the European Bat Night experience next year and we expect, at least, to have the same results.

We want to thank all people who shared that experience with us and we hope we will see you next year!

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Events organized during the 1st Catalanian Bat Night – 10th European Bat Night

1. Bat conferences

Three experts in bat biology and bat behaviour explained during 20 minutes each, their experiences. The speeches were to all kind of people from the grandchild to the grandparents. The talks took one hour and a half and people showed a great interest.

The conference talks were:

Introduction to bat biology by Carles Flaquer (Biologist)

Bats in forests: use of bat boxes by Jordi Camprodon (Biologist)

Introduction to bat echolocation by Xevi Puig (Ambientologist)



2. *Small exhibition*

Different bat boxes and bat detectors were exhibited. Leaflets, posters and stickers were distributed for free after the conferences.



3. *Bat night experience*

All people were invited to visit the “Can Cabanes” Natural Reserve, 10 minutes by car from the conference location. After a light dinner, groups of 20 people walked through the natural reserve listening bats with bat detectors. Researchers explain the way bat detectors and harp traps work. No bats were captured during the event.

