

Starving Bats



- ✚ Flying-foxes and other wildlife in South-East Qld. are being seriously affected by starvation and cold weather. There is a shortage in nectar from Eucalypts and other native nectar producing plants. All nectar feeders are being seriously impacted. Lorikeets and bees are also suffering mortalities.
- ✚ If you see a bat in your backyard please report it immediately. There have been many reports of bats being left to die in backyards. They are dying from cold and hunger not from disease.
- ✚ Due to the cold Flying-foxes are staying in backyards to feed on things they would not normally feed on, such as citrus fruit and other plants which make them unwell. By coming lower into backyards they are being attacked by dogs and cats.
- ✚ If you find an injured or starving flying-fox, don't touch it, like any wild animal, it could bite or scratch. Place a towel over it and a box then seek help.
- ✚ Help them by keeping your dog either; tied up away from the food source or keep your dog inside through this cold weather. Cats should also be indoors.
- ✚ If found on barbed-wire do not attempt to help it, we are trained and vaccinated to get the bat off without further damage – leave it to the experts – place a towel over the top to protect it from birds - call us as soon as possible.
- ✚ Plant native winter flowering trees to help them survive. Paperbarks, Eucalypts, Swamp Mahogany, Eleocarpus, Lilypily, Koda Vine, Silky Oaks, Sandpaper figs, Banksia integrifolia & serrata.
- ✚ It is not normal to find a lone bat through the day. It needs help. PLEASE don't let them die, call the bat helpline **0488 228 134**