



Report from the 3rd European Bat Night in Catalonia. 12th European edition.

After the incredible acceptance obtained last years, the 3rd Catalan Batnight has developed in four different places across the country. Almost four hundred 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.



The event was broadcasted by radios and television all over the country and also all over the world, thanks to a BBC report:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/spanish/science/newsid_6976000/6976103.stm

We are happy to realise that people are 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.

With such results we are encouraged to repeat the European Bat Night experience next year and we expect to improve in order to reach all the people trying to collaborate.

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

Event organised by:



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We thanks to:

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Events organised during the 3rd Catalan Bat Night 12th European Bat Night

1. Bat performances

Two different theatre agencies organised performances based on bat tales:

a) “Pipistrel·lo, pipistrel·la, contes de la cagarel·la” *Nopatiskos* company

b) “els Murisecs” *els Què-què company*

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2. Bat activities

Some teachers show children how to elaborate a bat only using black cardboard and wool.





3. Bat conferences

Three experts in bat biology and bat behaviour explained during 20 minutes each, their experiences. The speeches were mend for all kind of people from the grandchildren to the grandparents.



The conference speeches 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)

4. Exhibitions

Several models of bat boxes and bat detectors were exhibited. Leaflets, posters, shirts and stickers were distributed after the conferences.



A harp trap was exhibited and its function explained after conferences.

5. Bat night experience

All people were invited to hear bat sounds thanks to bat detectors. After a light dinner, groups of 20 people walked trough natural reserves listening bats with bat detectors. Researchers explained the way bat detectors and harp traps work. No bats were captured during the event.





Catalonian Batnight emplacements.

