

East Coast Freetail Bat



This little bat (only 4-5cm long) only occurs east of the Great Dividing Range from south-east Queensland to Pambula in eastern NSW, and has been detected in the northern end of the Shoalhaven including the Jervis Bay area. This bat loves to roost in tree hollows but may also find shelter under loose bark or in house roofs.

It is threatened because land clearing has removed large areas of its habitat including hollow bearing trees. You might find one has found a cosy hiding place around your home. Keep an eye or an ear out for them at night particularly at dusk when you can hear them locating their prey by Echolocation, high frequency sound waves made by forcing air through their vocal chords in the same way that we speak. The sound impulses bounce back and from this echo the bats can tell exactly where to find their food.

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