Bat Houses

Today on Gardening in a Minute: bat houses.

Bats are an important part of Florida’s ecology, and a single bat can eat thousands of insects each night.

You can build or purchase a bat house to help address the habitat loss that bats face, providing these unique flying animals with a cozy place to roost.

First you’ll need to pick a site for your bat house. Make sure that the location is fairly open and bats can easily see the house.

To build your own bat house, look for plans online. Hang the completed house twelve to fifteen feet above the ground on the south to southeast side of a tree trunk, pole, or building.

In time, your bat house may become home to 100 or more bats!

For more information about this and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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