

Victorian Speleological Association Inc.

CAVE BAT OBSERVATION CENSUS FORM

Victorian cave dwelling bats, (*Myotis adversus*, *Miniopterus schreibersii oceanus*, *Miniopterus schreibersii bassanii*, *Rhynolophus megaphyllus*) have been under various threats for many years. Cavers have a unique opportunity to assist in the gathering of data to assist in bat management, in a similar way to bird observers for bird-life. VSA records do have a long but patchy data collection on bat use of Victorian caves and this form is an attempt to upgrade our records of bats use of caves, their numbers and when they use particular caves.

Please fill in this form and send it to VSA (see below). This should include reports of absence of bats in caves, which they are known to use at various times of the year.

OBSERVER NAME _____
CONTACT PHONE _____ **DATE** _____
CAVE NUMBER _____ **CAVE NAME** _____

SPECIES OF BAT OR DESCRIPTION _____

ACTIVITY LEVEL (circle) **TORPID** **INACTIVE** **ACTIVE** **FLYING**

ARRANGEMENT (circle) **CLUSTERED** **SINGLE**

NUMBER PRESENT (approx) _____

AREA COVERED (approx square metres) _____

DESCRIPTION OF ROOST SITE e.g. flat roof, bell hole (aven) etc.

DESCRIPTION OF ROOST AREA e.g. large, small cavern, mine etc.

DISTANCE OF BATS FROM ENTRANCE _____

EVIDENCE OF USE BY BATS IF THEY ARE ABSENT _____

FREQUENCY OF CAVE USE BY HUMANS _____

ANY OTHER COMMENTS e.g. location if not a numbered cave

Please email this form to VSA Records Keeper at gbaddeley@pacific.net.au (Glenn Baddeley) OR post it to Records Keeper, VSA, GPO Box 5425, Melbourne VIC 3001.