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## BATS RECOVERING FROM HURRICANE

It has taken some five years, but the bats are back in Puerto Rico, scientists report.

Hurricane Hugo hit the Caribbean National Forest in the fall of 1989, and took a huge toll on the bat populations, but some species prospered.

"The greater Antillean long-tongued bat appeared positively affected by Hugo," said Michael Gannon, biologist at Pennsylvania State University. "This relative increase was mostly due to a decrease in other dominant bat species."

*From wire reports*