

THAT'S ONE FAST BAT

We're already batty about **bats** here at NG KiDS, but there's another reason to love these phenomenal furry mammals... it turns out they're the **fastest horizontal fliers** in the world! German scientists recently discovered that the **Brazilian free-tailed bat** can speed through the skies at over **160kmph!** That's way quicker than the previous horizontal record-holders, birds called **swifts**, who can hurtle at 100kmph.

An **aerodynamic body shape** and **extra-long wings** enable the **Brazilian free-tailed bat** to fly faster than other bats, who are generally considered slow fliers. In fact, even the scientists were surprised by the results! They collected the data using a **teeny radio transmitter** attached to the bat's back, which was followed using a **mobile receiver** installed on a small aircraft. Whoosh!



This amazing bat has long hairs on its toes that help it judge its speed