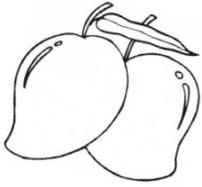


# Bat Week Eats in a Box - #SpookySaturday



Bats are one of the most important and unusual animals on the planet. By eating thousands of crop-killing insects every night, pollinating plants, and spreading seeds, bats keep our food healthy and give us lots of choices of food to eat like bananas, avocados, and mangos. The next page shows a table highlighting some of the foods that are made possible by bats. Each bat-dependent ingredient in the recipe has been underlined.

## Mango Shortbread Bars

- 🌸 1 ½ cup butter (softened)
- 🌸 ½ cup white sugar
- 🌸 3 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 🌸 4 cups sliced mango (can substitute strawberries)
- 🌸 ¼ white sugar
- 🌸 ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 🌸 1 ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- 🌸 1 pinch ground nutmeg

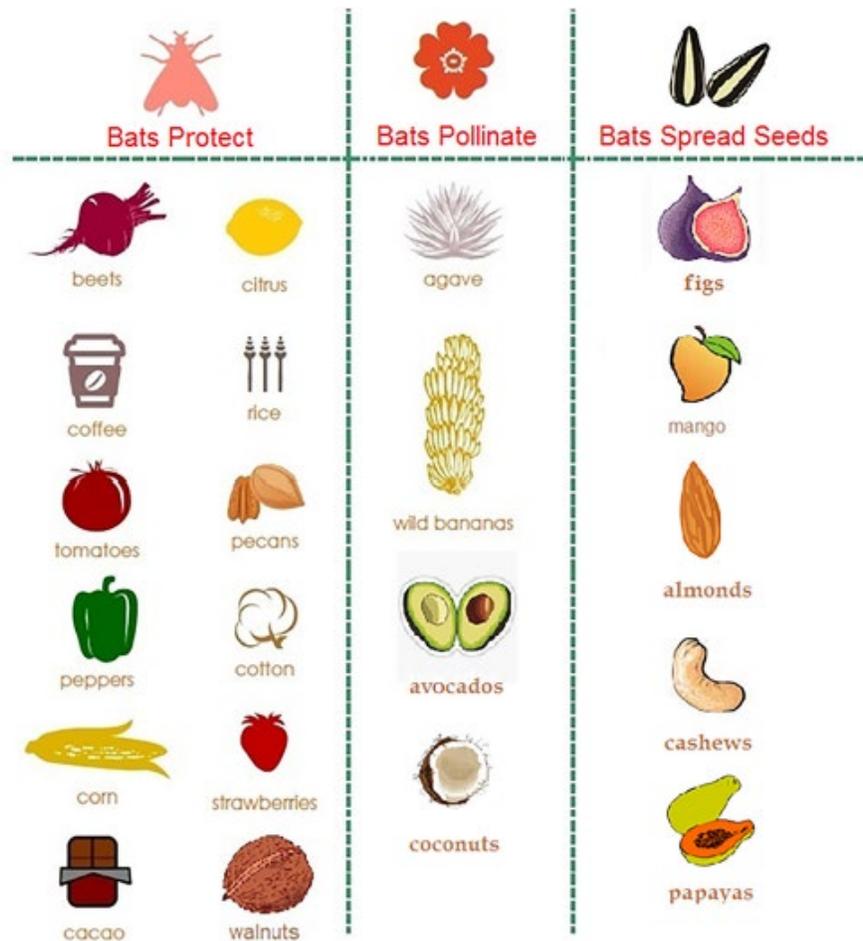
### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350° F
- In a large mixing bowl, cream together butter and ½ cup sugar.
- Blend in 3 cups of flour and press ½ of the mixture into the bottom of a small baking dish (9 X13 inch works well).
- In a medium bowl, stir the mango, ¼ cup sugar, ¼ cup flour, cinnamon, and nutmeg together until well combined.
- Pour mango mixture over the shortbread in the pan.
- Sprinkle remaining ½ shortbread mixture on top of the mango mix. Press down lightly.
- Bake 1 hour until topping is golden brown. Let cool 15 minutes in dish before cutting into bars.
- Snap a picture of you making or enjoying your delicious treat and post it online. Use #BatWeek and #SpookySaturday and share with your friends that bats aren't scary.



**Bat Fact!** Many people are afraid of bats and hurt them either on purpose or by mistake. While some people are afraid of bats, the scary fact is that bats are in decline nearly everywhere they are found. These amazing animals face a multitude of threats including habitat loss, pesticide use, destruction of roost sites, over-harvesting for bush-meat, climate change; and much more. Worldwide, about 24% of bats are considered critically endangered, endangered, or vulnerable – now that is spooky!

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