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TO THE BAT CAVE! THE MARYLAND ZOO ANNOUNCES THE ADDITION OF 150 NEW BATS

June 28, 2022 (BALTIMORE, MD) – The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore has more than quadrupled its population of Seba’s short-tailed bats (*carollia perspicillata*) with the addition of 150 animals to the existing colony of 30.

The new bats arrived from the Denver Zoo earlier in the spring. After a period of quarantine and diet adjustment, they were introduced to the existing bat colony and are now in the habitat.

Visitors to the Maryland Zoo will find the bat cave inside the Zoo’s Maryland Wilderness area. The cave was renovated in preparation for the new arrivals with extensive cleaning, improved lighting, and the installation of new viewing glass.

Seba’s short-tailed bats are small, gregarious, social leaf-nosed bats that weigh barely more than half an ounce. They live in moist evergreen and dry deciduous lowland forests of Central and South America. While not native to Maryland, these mammals are similar in size and behavior to some Maryland bat species.

To learn more about the bats, and all the animals that live at the Maryland Zoo, visit:

www.MarylandZoo.org.

About The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore

Founded in 1876, The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is internationally known for its contributions in animal conservation and research. More than 1,500 animals are represented in the Zoo’s varied natural habitats such as

the award-winning Penguin Coast, Maryland Wilderness, and African Journey. Situated in Druid Hill Park near Downtown Baltimore, the Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums. For more information, visit www.marylandzoo.org or look for us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) @MarylandZoo, and [YouTube](#) @MarylandZooTV.

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