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Re: Olympic National Park's Perspectives Speaker Series: Bat Research
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"Bat Research on the Olympic Peninsula," a presentation by [Rebecca McCaffery, Ph.D.](#), is the final event of this season's Olympic National Park Perspectives Speaker Series, hosted by the North Olympic Library System (NOLS). The talk begins at 7pm on Tuesday, April 9, in a hybrid format on Zoom and in person at the Port Angeles Main Library, 2210 S. Peabody St. No registration is needed. Join the livestream using the link at NOLS.org/ONP, or attend the presentation at the library.

Bats are a key part of our Pacific Northwest ecosystems, yet relatively little is known about how they are using forest, mountain and coastal habitats. Bats are also under threat due to the spread of a fungal pathogen called white-nose syndrome, and are challenging to study because they are small, nocturnal and cryptic. In this talk Rebecca McCaffery, a research biologist with USGS Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center, will discuss efforts to overcome these challenges in the Pacific Northwest, and present results from studies conducted in and around Olympic National Park.

The Perspectives series is made possible through the work of Olympic National Park, the North Olympic Library System, Discover Your Northwest, and the Friends of Olympic National Park.

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Rebecca McCaffery installing a bat acoustic detector on the outer coast of Washington state. Acoustic detectors are specialized microphones that capture the high frequency calls of bat species at night.

They can be used to study bat distribution and occupancy patterns.



Little Brown Bat held by a researcher.

Photographs courtesy of Rebecca McCaffery.

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