

**Victorian Speleological Association Inc.**

**CAVE BAT OBSERVATION CENSUS FORM**

Victorian cave dwelling bats, (*Myotis adversus*, *Miniopterus schreibersii oceanus*, *Miniopterus schreibersii bassanii*, *Rhynolophus megaphyllus*) have been under various threats for many years. Cavers have a unique opportunity to assist in the gathering of data to assist in bat management, in a similar way to bird observers for bird-life. VSA records do have a long but patchy data collection on bat use of Victorian caves and this form is an attempt to upgrade our records of bats use of caves, their numbers and when they use particular caves.

Please fill in this form and send it to VSA (see below). This should include reports of absence of bats in caves, which they are known to use at various times of the year.

**OBSERVER NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CONTACT PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CAVE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ **CAVE NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIES OF BAT OR DESCRIPTION** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITY LEVEL (circle)**    **TORPID**            **INACTIVE**            **ACTIVE**            **FLYING**

**ARRANGEMENT (circle)**    **CLUSTERED**    **SINGLE**

**NUMBER PRESENT (approx)** \_\_\_\_\_

**AREA COVERED (approx square metres)** \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION OF ROOST SITE** e.g. flat roof, bell hole (aven) etc.  
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**DESCRIPTION OF ROOST AREA** e.g. large, small cavern, mine etc.  
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**DISTANCE OF BATS FROM ENTRANCE** \_\_\_\_\_

**EVIDENCE OF USE BY BATS IF THEY ARE ABSENT** \_\_\_\_\_

**FREQUENCY OF CAVE USE BY HUMANS** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANY OTHER COMMENTS** e.g. location if not a numbered cave  
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