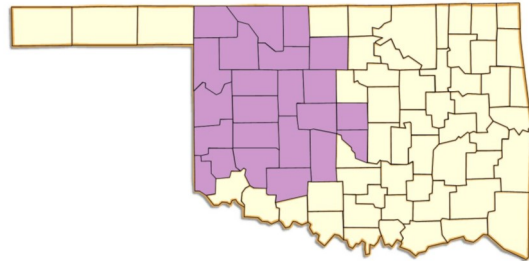




Cave Myotis

(My-o-tis)

Myotis velifer



The **Cave Myotis Bat** weighs all of 1/2 ounce, is about 4 1/2 inches long from tip of nose to tip of tail, and has a 12" wingspan when fully grown. They are a very social bat, roosting in clusters of 250 bats or more per square foot. They feed upon a wide variety of insects depending upon which are available on any given night. They find their prey by using echolocation. They can live to be 12-15 years of age. The name correctly identifies the bat's preferred roost as a "cave" while the term "myotis" is a Greek word meaning "mouse-eared."

Cool Fact: Cave Myotis have been known to use abandoned cliff swallow nests for temporary daytime roosts.

Where to see a Cave Myotis: On the [Bats and Bluffs Loop](#) at [Alabaster Caverns State Park](#) year-round.