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Species of the Day: Wrinkle-faced Bat

The <u>Wrinkle-faced Bat</u>, Centurio senex, is listed as 'Least Concern' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This striking-looking bat inhabits moist and dry tropical forests of Latin America, from Mexico to Colombia and Venezuela. It is considered to be an uncommon species throughout its range, although occasionally it can be locally abundant under certain conditions.

It is thought that the species roosts in forest vegetation and not in caves. Males have a fold of skin covered with white fur on the neck that is pulled over the bat's face when resting. As the Wrinkle-faced Bat tends to be found in relatively undisturbed forests, the primary threats to the survival of this species are habitat destruction and deforestation.

The Wrinkle-faced Bat is known from several protected areas in southern Mexico and other countries, but no formal, focused conservation efforts for this species have been launched. Effective protection of tropical forests is required to prevent its further decline.









