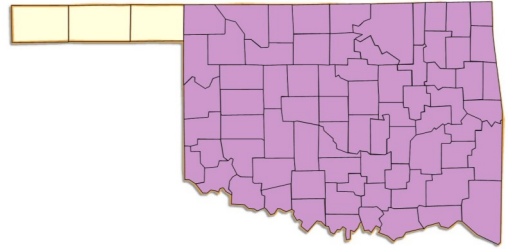




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Tri-colored Bat

Perimyotis subflavus



The **Tri-colored Bat** is about 3 1/2 inches long from tip of nose to tip of tail, and has a 8-10" wingspan when fully grown and is one of the smallest bats in all of the United States. The name refers to the fur on this bat; the base of the hair is dark, the middle is lighter, and the tip is dark. 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 15 years or more.

Cool Fact: In hibernation, the tri-colored bat is occasionally covered with water droplets, which sparkle like diamonds. The photo above shows a tri-colored bat in a cave in western Oklahoma covered in droplets.

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