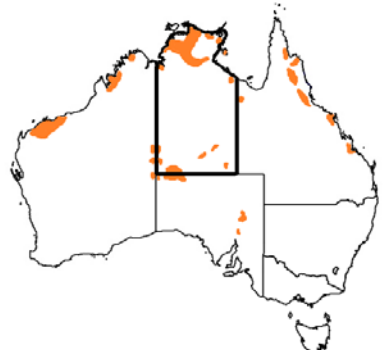







GHOST BAT

Ghost Bat, <i>Macroderma gigas</i>
Head and body
100-130cmmm
Forearm
96-113mm
Weight
140-165g
Identification
<i>Ghost Bats have grey fur on their backs and pale grey to white underneath. They have long, narrow wings, no tail, large ears joining overhead and a protruding nose leaf.</i>
Behaviour
<i>Australia's only carnivorous bat feeding soon after sunset. May live in small groups or colonies in the 100's. Sexes separate after mating has occurred</i>
Reproduction
<i>Mating occurs from April-August, a single offspring born 3 months later which feeds from a nipple in mum's armpit. It stays with mum for the first 4 weeks then is left in a nursery cave until it can fly at 7 weeks.</i>
Habitat
<i>They roost in caves, fissures and mines in areas in or close to rainforest and woodland.</i>



NT Conservation Status					
Extinct	Threatened			Least Concern	
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Distribution					
					
Threats					
 Habitat Loss	 Fire	 Feral Cats	 Mining	 Caving	



Predators



Habitat



Up close



Communal Roosts