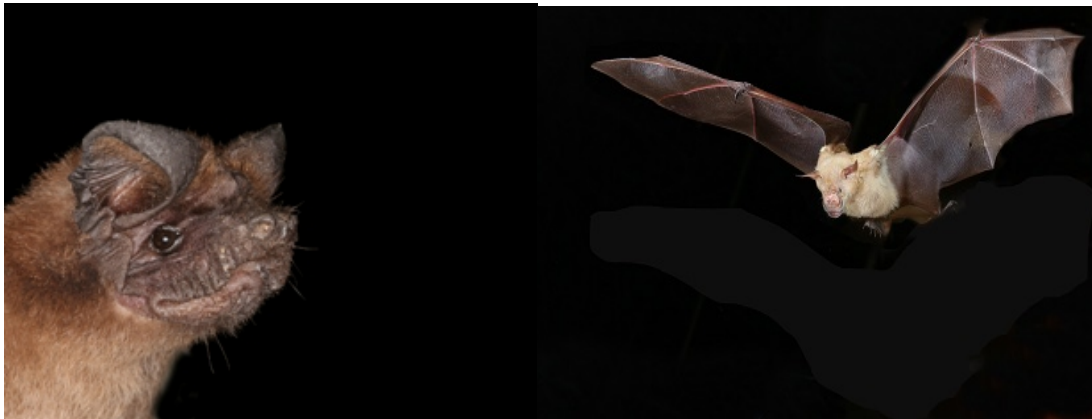


## Project Update: March 2016

The project is well underway to investigate the diversity and ecology of bats in Zambia. Trips have been made to the Northern Province and around the Lusaka area. Morphological and acoustic data has been collected for over 30 species, with tissue and faecal samples taken for later analysis. The public reception to our work has been extremely positive; with landowners, staff, scouts and bystanders showing great interest in the work. This has provided opportunities to share our knowledge and support for bat conservation. In addition home visits have been undertaken to advise roost owners and I have also been able to share knowledge about bats through educational talks. The Zambian Department of National Parks and Wildlife is also keen to see the project progress after receiving an update talk. Word of the work is spreading and the project is off to a great start!



Left: *Chaerephon nigeriae* - Daniel Hargreaves. Right: *H. vitatus* in flight - Daniel Hargreaves.



Left: *Pipistrellus rueppellii* - Daniel Hargreaves. Right: Studying cave bats with bystanders - Daniel Hargreaves.