



**BAT (MAMMALIAN) VERTEBRA**

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## Overall Functions

- The bat skeleton is very similar to other mammals with some special characteristics for flight

## Organization of Vertebra

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- **Cervical Region:**
  - 7 vertebra
  - Function:
    - Movement of head

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- **Thoracic Region:**
  - 11-12 Vertebra
  - Function
    - Attachment for ribs

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- **Lumbar Region:**
  - 4-5 Vertebra
  - Function
    - Movement Lower Trunk

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- **Sacral Region:**
  - 4-5 Vertebra
  - Function:
    - Movement at the sacroiliac joint

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- **Caudal Region:**
  - Up to 10 fused vertebra (humans 3-5)

