

Astellero, 25 ft., Guatemala

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The Molossus<sup>ater</sup> negreanus, Black mastif bat, start to forage at early twilight and continue until at least dark. Some leave crevices high in trees; some returned as other left. at about dark they start to drink water. In flight they fly rapidly and without much deviation. As darkness approaches they forage more and dart down to pick up insects (moths one inch in size). These bats fly above clearings and at the edge of forest rather than in the forest. Some flew at edge of trees along water courses. When caught in nets over water they frequently fall into water when they swim over to the bank and climb out. movements in water and on land are rapid and agile. When in water or on land they are not capable of becoming airborne. In trees the bats drop downward from their roosting spot then with increased velocity make an upswing. The call in flight is characteristic and increases in loudness when pursuing prey. These bats are capable of strong bites.