

# LEARN AT CHESTER ZOO



An extremely high risk of becoming Extinct in the Wild

<b>Name</b>	Rodrigues Fruit Bat
<b>Scientific Name</b>	<i>Pteropus rodricensis</i>
<b>Threats</b> (why they're at risk)	Deforestation, especially of mature fruiting trees and roosting trees. Habitat areas are more at risk from tropical cyclones.
<b>Distribution</b> (where they live)	Island of Rodrigues, near Mauritius.
<b>Habitat</b> (what they live in)	Primary and secondary forested areas, especially near Tamarind fruit trees.
<b>Diet/Feeding strategy</b> (what they eat and how they eat it)	Most active at twilight, they forage for fruit at dusk. They eat the seeds in fruit and help to disperse them in their poo! They may also occasionally trap insects in their large wings.
<b>Social behaviour</b> (how they live)	They like to live in large groups, using their numbers to look out for danger but also to care for their young. Females may roost together whereas males can be more independent.
<b>Males and females</b>	Similar in appearance.
<b>Lifespan</b> (how long they live for)	Around 30 years.
<b>Number of young</b> (how many babies)	Normally one individual.
<b>Interesting fact</b>	In the 1970s, there were only 70-75 individuals left in the wild.