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Currently not at risk of becoming Extinct in the Wild

Name	Seba's Short-tailed Fruit Bat
Scientific Name	<i>Carollia perspicillata</i>
Threats (why they're at risk)	There are no known current threats to this species.
Distribution (where they live)	South Mexico, Paraguay, Brazil, and The Guianas. It is also found in Trinidad and Tobago.
Habitat (what they live in)	Tunnels and the understory. Found abundantly in the tropics of South America.
Diet/Feeding strategy (what they eat and how they eat it)	Fruits of trees from the Piperaceae family (peppercorns) but eat from at least 38 different plant species. In low fruiting seasons, they may also eat nectar, pollen and insects.
Social behaviour (how they live)	They are sociable, hanging in large roosts of up to 100 individuals. Males will protect their harem of females. Young males may also roost together before having a harem.
Males and females	Similar in appearance.
Lifespan (how long they live for)	Around 10 years.
Number of young (how many babies)	Normally 1 individual.
Interesting fact	Although predominantly fruit eating, these bats still use echolocation to navigate, especially in the dark caves where they roost.