

TUBE-LIPPED NECTAR BAT

A tube-lipped nectar bat's tongue is one and a half times longer than its body—so long that it's attached inside its rib cage instead of its mouth. Stretched out, its tongue is long enough to feed on the sweet nectar in the bottom of tubular flowers that are too long for short-tongued bats to reach.



FACT

A tube-lipped nectar bat's tongue has a prickly covering of hairlike bristles—perfect for trapping nectar drops and holding them all the way to its mouth.





If you had
a tube-lipped
nectar bat's tongue,
you'd never have to
pause the movie.