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Fruit-Feeding Behavior of the Bats *Leptonycteris curasoae* and *Choeronycteris mexicana* in Flight Cage Experiments: Consequences for Dispersal of Columnar Cactus Seeds¹

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FEEDING BEHAVIOR OF FRUIT-EATING ANIMALS is one of the most important aspects of seed dispersal that can influence the reproductive success of plants and their population dynamics (Stiles 1992). Among the main behavioral characteristics of frugivores that determine the deposition patterns of seeds are the

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