

WEIRD AND WILD ADAPTATIONS!



The physical features or behaviours of plants and animals have adjusted to survive in their environment and cope better with the conditions around them. The most useful and strongest characteristics, or adaptations, are passed on to the next generation and enable the plants or animals to survive.

This might not look like it, but this invertebrate is a FLY – a bat fly! But where are their wings?

They have long, bristly, spider-like legs that end in specially adapted claws, which are thought to help them “swim” through bat fur.

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New Zealand bat flies have adapted to a flightless life. Their short-tailed bat friends do it for them!

HOW TO PLAY WILD CARDZ

Any number of people can play Wild Cardz. That’s what makes it the world’s coolest card game!

- 1 Shuffle and deal the cards face down.
- 2 Players pick up their cards and look at their top card only.
- 3 Player 1 (left of dealer) chooses and calls out their best stat (e.g. “Lifespan – 6 years”).
- 4 The other players see if they can beat this stat – the highest number value wins.
- 5 The winner collects all of the other players' top cards and adds them to the base of their pile.
- 6 The winner of the round chooses the stat for the next round.
- 7 The first player to get all of the cards wins!

There are 12 cards in this magazine to start you off. Find more in magazines to come. For added fun, there’s a photo puzzle piece on each card's underside. Can you put the puzzles together?