



Help Protect Our Bats!

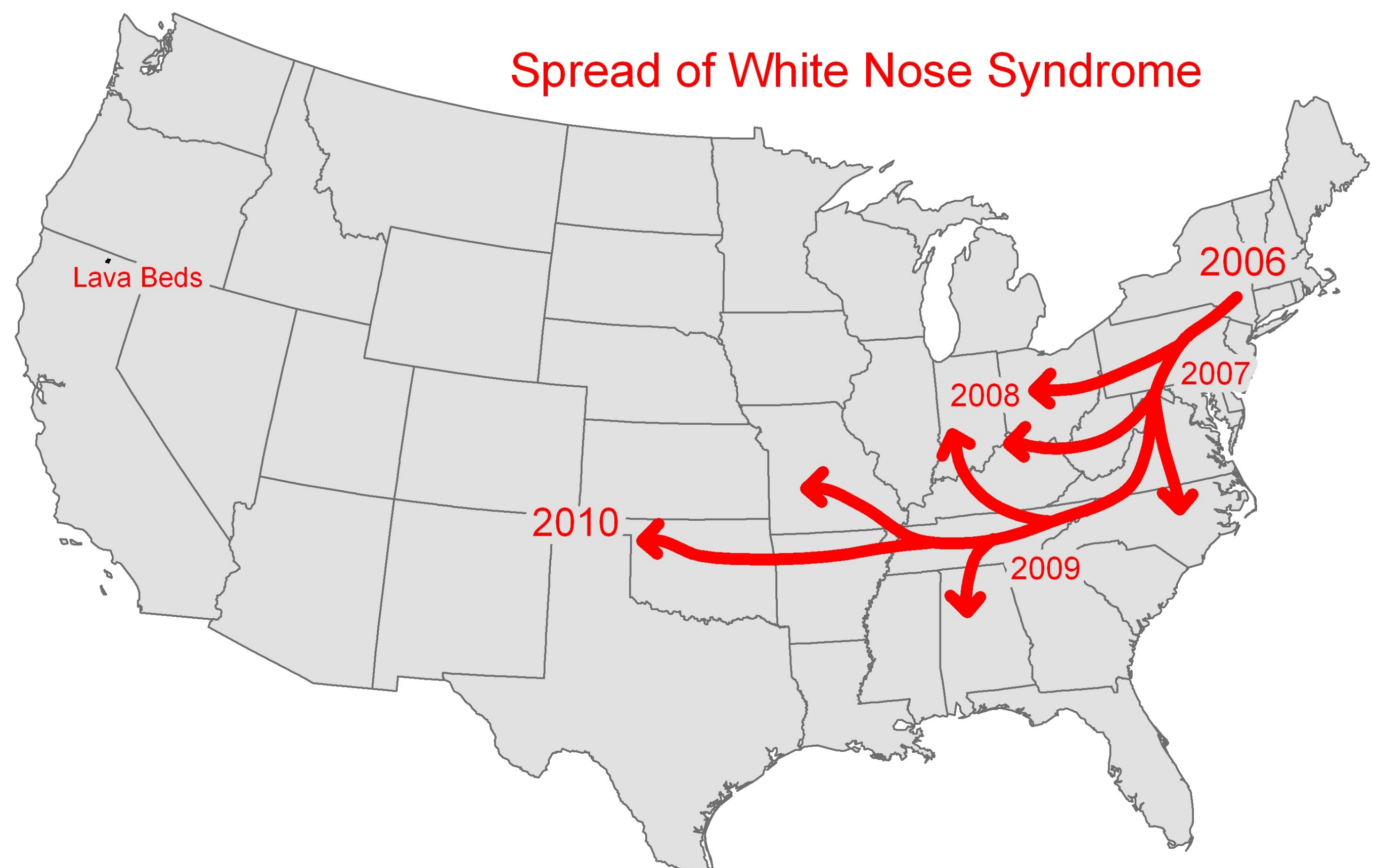


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White Nose Syndrome (WNS), named for the fungus that appears on infected bats, is an emerging affliction that has already killed over 1 million bats. It has been described by scientists as the most serious known decline in North American wildlife. WNS was first documented in the northeastern U.S. in 2006 and has been rapidly spreading westward since that time. Though WNS is harmless to humans, it affects us all by impacting our ecosystem, of which bats are an important part.



Al Hicks photo



How can you help?

- Always respect cave closures
- Report any unusual bat behavior
- Do not enter any Lava Beds cave with gear (helmets, lights, boots, packs, etc.) used in eastern U.S. caves in the past 4 years
- For more information, inquire at the Visitor Center or visit www.caves.org/WNS