

(Tell it however you want to--in Indian if you want to, and later we can get someone to interpret. If you can tell it in English, go ahead, but if you'd rather tell it in Cheyenne, go on. I'm interested in any kind of stories, as long as they're Cheyenne stories, and old time stories. Even if you want to tell some of those "White Man" stories, go ahead and tell those, too. Anything you'd like.

Birdie: They're not exactly "white man" stories, but there's always a white man included.

(Fine. I'd love to hear some of those.)

(Jeannette Howling Crane tells a story in Cheyenne.)

WHY BATS LIVE IN CAVES

(Jeannette Howling Crane tells a story in Cheyenne, then repeats it in English.)

This story is about the bat-man. There was a meeting of all kinds of birds and this bat-man wanted to attend this meeting. But they didn't want him, because he didn't look like a bird. But they ordered him back away. They said, "You go to the animals. You belong to the animals." He went back. So he went to where they were having the animal meeting. When he got there, and they didn't want him in there. He wasn't an animal and he wasn't a bird. He flies all right, but he wasn't no bird. He didn't have no feathers to look like a bird. He flies all right. They just banned him so he went to the caves. Ever since then, you find bats in caves.

GROUND SQUIRREL ESCAPES FROM HIS ENEMIES

Jenny Flying Out: This ground squirrel, he was caught by his enemies. He went and told them, "I always dance before you put me to death or something. Whatever you're going to do to me, I always dance."