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n.

1.

a. An early form of badminton played with a flat wooden paddle and a shuttlecock.

b. The paddle used in this game.

2. A badminton racket.

[Middle English *batildore*, perhaps blend of *betel*, bat; see [BEETLE](#)³ and Old Provençal *batedor*, bat (from *battre*, to beat, from Late Latin *battere*; see [BATTER](#)¹).]

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