

***Myotis nattereri* (Kuhl, 1817) Natterer's bat**

Measurements – Head-body length (37) 45-52 (55) mm; Tail length (32) 37-47 (49) mm; Forearm length 35-43 (46) mm; Wingspan 220-300 mm; Weight 5-12 g.

Ecology – It is found in forests and woodlands, especially if adjacent to wetland, as well as urban wooded areas. It hibernates in caves and mines while summer roosts are represented by tree holes, buildings and bat boxes. Sedentary, but may move between summer and winter quarters up to 185 km apart. Feeds mainly on diurnal Diptera gleaned from the substrate. Females give birth to one single young, exceptionally two, between June and July.

Range – It occurs throughout all Europe up to 63° latitude north, in the Near East, Turkmenistan, and north-western Africa.

Records in Italy are scarce but according to their distribution the species may be present in all regions except Sardinia.