

Pipistrellus kuhlii (Kuhl, 1818) **Kuhl's pipistrelle**

Measurements – Head-body length 40-47 (50) mm; Tail length 30-40 mm; Forearm length 31-36 (37) mm; Wingspan 210-240 mm; Weight 5-10 g.

Ecology – The most common bat in urban areas of Italy, its opportunistic strategies include foraging in a wide range of habitats. Roosts in buildings (blinds, cracks in walls, behind barge boards and so on), bat boxes and mines (natural roosts offered by rock crevices and tree holes). Probably sedentary. Feeds on small insects such as Diptera, Lepidoptera, Tricoptera and Coleoptera. Females give birth to two young, rarely one, between June and July.

Range – Occurs in southern and south-central Europe (the northern limit of its range being in France, Germany and Great Britain), northern and eastern Africa, southern Asia, until north-eastern India. Italy is part of the species' range.