

***Plecotus macrobullaris* (Kuzjakin, 1965) Alpine long-eared bat**

Measurements – Head-body length (46.4) 51,6 (55.6) mm; Forearm length (39.0) 41.2 (42.9) mm; Weight (7.0) 8.0 (9.5) g.

Ecology – A recently discovered, poorly known bat. Forages in open habitats, especially rich grassland (regularly cut and fertilized pastures) and in urban areas, along boulevards, around isolated trees, under street lamps and along woodland edges, but also in broad-leaved woods and wetlands. Habitat preferences in this species seem to be similar to those of Grey long-eared bats. Roosts in buildings, caves and mines. Maternity colonies are located at altitudes lower than those preferred by *P. auritus*. It probably also roosts in tree holes like the other long-eared bats. Females give birth to a single young between June and July.

Range – The range is still partially defined. It occurs throughout Caucasus, Turkey, the Balkans and Crete, in the Alps (Italy, France, Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Slovenia, Croatia), and the Pyrenees.

In Italy occurs in Trentino, Lombardy, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Piedmont, Liguria and Veneto.