

***Tadarida teniotis* (Rafinesque, 1814) European free-tailed bat**

Measurements – Head-body length 80-92 mm; Tail length 44-57 mm; Forearm length 57-65 mm; Wingspan 408-440 mm; Weight 25-50 g.

Ecology – Occurs in a range of habitats, from sea level up to 2000 m a.s.l.. Primarily associated with cliffs where its preferred roosts (rock crevices) are found. In urban areas, roosts in crevices in the upper part of buildings, and sometimes also in window blinds. Probably sedentary or partially migrant. It feeds mostly on Lepidoptera caught on the wing at > 100 metres above ground. Females give birth to a single young in June-July. Its ecology is still incompletely known and the information available on hibernation and reproductive biology is limited

Range – Occurs in the Mediterranean, Alps, much of the Middle East, the Himalayan region, several regions of southern and central China, Korea and Japan.

Occurs in all Italian regions.