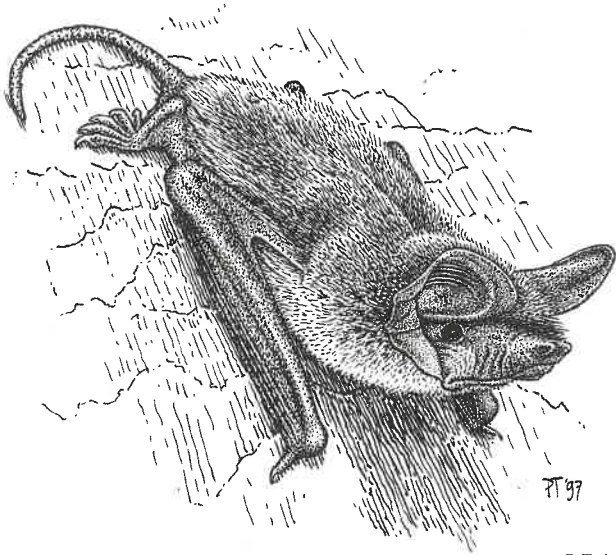


Tadarida teniotis (RAFINESQUE, 1814)



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Distribution

World: from the Canary Islands through northern Africa, southern Europe, and southern palaeartic Asia to Japan, southern China and Taiwan.

Europe: mainly Mediterranean region, north to southern France, Switzerland, southern Croatia and Bulgaria. Also in the Caucasus.

Geographic variation

Three subspecies are currently recognized: *T. teniotis rueppellii* (Temminck, 1826) (Egypt and Arabia), *T. t. teniotis* (west of Central Asia) and *T. t. insignis* (Blyth, 1861) (remainder of range). Taxonomic allocation of some populations from Asia is uncertain and the subspecies *T. t. insignis* may be a distinct species.

Habitat

Open habitat, roosting in fissures and hollows in rock outcrops, quarries, and sea cliffs. Also sometimes in artificial structures, including bridges, water towers, cathedrals, and other tall buildings. Altitudinal range from sea level to 2300 m. A high and fast-flying aerial hawker, emerging late and returning early, using low frequency echolocation calls to avoid detection by tympanate moths. Colonies usually small, from 5 to 50, sometimes up to 130 individuals (J. Benzal, in litt.). Winter behaviour poorly known, but activity recorded in winter in Malta (J. Borg, pers. comm.) and Switzerland. Probable short-range or partial migrant.

European free-tailed bat

AL	Lakuriqnate bishtlire	LU	-
BG	Булдогов прилеп	LV	Platausainais kroklūpis
CZ	Tadarida evropská	MK	Опашест лилјак
DE	Bulldoggfledermaus	MT	Tadarida
DK	Bulldogflagermus	NL	Bulvleermuis
EE	Laikõrv-kurdmokk	NO	Bulldoggflaggermus
ES	Murciélago rabudo	PL	Molos europejski
FI	Bulldoggilepakko	PT	Morcego-rabudo
FO	-	RO	-
FR	Molosse de Cestoni	RU	Широкоухий складчатогуб
GR	Νυχτοπόρος	SE	Veckläppad fladdermus
HR	Sredozemni golorepaš	SI	Dolgorepi netopir
HU	Nagy szelindekdenevér	SK	-
IR	-	TR	Kuyruklu yarasa
IS	Fýlgrön	YU	Јужни Дугорепи молос
IT	Molosso del Cestoni		
LT	-		

Population status

Detailed distribution and populations are poorly known; generally low density, but no figures available.

International legal & conservation status

Bern Convention, Appendix II.

Bonn Convention, Appendix II.

EU Habitats & Species Directive, Annex IV.

Other information

Difficulties of study (e.g., inaccessibility of roosts, wide ranging foraging behaviour and possible migratory behaviour) have resulted in little information on this species until recently. This behaviour may also render it relatively immune from many of the problems facing bats, although quarrying has been identified as a problem in some areas. More research is urgently required.

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