

Lasiurus insularis

(Cuban yellow bat)

Distribution: This species is endemic to Cuba. It is one of the rarest species that inhabits the archipelago. This species has only been caught in ten localities throughout the island, and not a single individual has been captured in the last 40 years. This species is considered vulnerable to extinction.

Physical description: It is the biggest of the Cuban vespertilionids. It weighs 20-30 and has a forearm length of 57-64 mm. The muzzle is wide and short. The fur is thick, long and golden yellow in colour.

Roost: Very little is known about the biology of this species. The only known roost for this species has been documented as palm leaves from the genus *Thrinax*.

Diet: They feed on insects.



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