

Antrozous pallidus

(Pallid bat)

Distribution: *Antrozous pallidus koopmani* is an endemic subspecies to Cuba. Only four living individuals have been captured to date though skulls have been found in fresh owl pellets (*Tyto alba*). It has been captured in few localities. Given how rare it is, it is considered vulnerable to extinction.

Physical description: This is a medium sized bat. The forearm length measures at 49-62 mm. The muzzle is wide and short and without any facial ornamentations. Their ears are longer than 20mm in length. The fur is moderately long with a pale yellow colouration.

Roost: Very Little is known about the biology of this species. It can be considered one of the rarest Cuban species. They live mostly in rock crevices and some man-made structures.

Diet: Many authors believe this species to be synonymous to *A. pallidus*. They eat large arthropods like centipedes and scorpions which it picks up off the ground.



Antrozous pallidus Big Bend National Park, Texas, Photos: Melissa Donnelly. Bat found roosting between two boulders an inch off the ground.