

Chilonatalus macer

(Cuban lesser funnel eared bat)

Distribution: This species ranges from Cuba, Española, Jamaica, the Bahamas and Providence Island.

Physical description: This is a small species weighing in at 2-4 g. The forearm length is 30-35 mm. It is very similar to *Nyctiellus lepidus*, but the pelvic limb is longer and the plagiopatagium only attaches to the middle of the tibia. It also has a long calcar that makes up over half the length of the edge of the uropatagium. In the males a notable protuberance between the ears is present. This is called the Natalid Organ. It is much reduced in females. The fur can range from an orange-red to yellowish.

Roost: They roost in caves, and prefer those that are humid and hot. They have been found in hot caves.

Diet: They feed on insects.



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