

Erophylla sezekorni

(Buffy flower bat)

Distribution: This species is endemic to the Greater Antilles. It is found in Cuba, the Bahamas, Caiman islands, and Jamaica, where the two subspecies are separated geographically. *Erophylla sezekorni syops* is endemic to Jamaica while *Erophylla sezekorni sezekorni* can be found on the other islands. It is found throughout the main island of Cuba, including Isla Juventud, and also on certain keys on the north of the island, like Santa Maria Keys. It is abundant in evergreen, scrub and pine forests, especially on the eastern side of Cuba.

Physical description: This is a medium sized bat with a body weight between 14-17 g. Forearm length is 43-51 mm. The eyes are well developed, ears simple and curved. The nose leaf is greatly reduced, only measuring approximately 3mm. The lower lip has tiny round bead-like structures. It has a small calcar and a short tail. The fur is brownish yellow.

Roosts: This species roosts strictly in caves. These caves can be open, and exposed to the outside ambient, but mostly they are found in really developed caves in the darkest, most humid areas. They are often found near the heat traps of caves.

Diet: In addition to nectar and pollen, they feed on small fruits from plants within secondary growth forests.



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