

Lasiurus pfeifferi

(Pfeiffer's red bat)

Distribution: This species is endemic to Cuba. It is a solitary species that is considered quite rare. In the last ten years, various individuals have been caught across different localities including Keys Romano, Sabinal, Las Brujas and in the rainforests of Pico Cuba.

Physical description: This is a medium sized bat weighing in at 12-18 g. The forearm length is 40-50 mm. The muzzle and the ears are wide and short, and their eyes are small. The fur is a gorgeous light red-orange color. On the shoulders there is a white patch. The uropatagium is completely covered with red-orange fur.

Roost: They roost primarily in the foliage of trees, but the odd individual has been found in caves.

Diet: They feed on insects, which it catches in flight.



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