

# *Molossus molossus*

(Velvety free-tailed bat)

**Distribution:** This species ranges from Mexico all the way to the north of Argentina. It is widely distributed across the Antilles. There are seven subspecies where *Molossus molossus trophidorhynchus* is found on Cuba. They have adapted to urban environments, but can occur in rural areas as well.

**Physical description:** This is a small bat weighing in at 7-15 g. Their forearm length measures at 32-28 mm. The muzzle is large. The fur is velvety and brown in colouration.

**Roost:** They roost in manmade structures. They can occupy tight spaces between walls and under roof tiles. They can also occur in fissures in brick walls, tree hollows and cracks in wooden posts.

**Diet:** They feed on insects from the order homoptera.



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