

Nycticeius cubanus

(Cuban evening bat)

Distribution: This bat is monotypic and endemic to Cuba. It is common in the west, especially in the city of Havana. It has not been recorded on the east side of the island as of yet.

Physical description: This is a small bat weighing in at 5-7 g. It is the smallest vespertilionid in Cuba. The muzzle is short, and the fur is thick and brown.

Roost: This species is not well known, and only very few roosts have been observed inside street electrical wooden posts and houses.

Diet: They feed on insects. They have been observed to feed directly on insects from the order Isoptera on top of street lights.



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