

Nyctiellus lepidus

(Gervais' funnel eared bat)

Distribution: This species is found exclusively in Cuba and the Bahamas. It is a monotypic species. It is widespread across Cuba and can be found on Isla Juventud.

Physical description: This is the smallest bat out of all the Cuban species weighing in only at 2-3 g. The forearm length measures 27-32 mm. The muzzle is wide and short. The fur is generally a yellowy-brown colour, though there are populations that are more of an orange hue.

Roost: They only roost in caves. The colonies congregate in the warmest, most humid sections of the caves. Occasionally they can be found inside hot caves.

Diet: They feed off insects from the orders Homoptera (aphids, and leaf hoppers) and Diptera (flies and mosquitos).



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