

***Eptesicus serotinus*** (Schreber, 1774) **Serotine**

Measurements – Head-body length 62-80 (82) mm; Tail length (39) 46-54 (66) mm; Forearm length 48-56 (58) mm; Wingspan 315-380 mm; Weight 14-33 (35) g.

Ecology – Found in a range of different habitats, especially in lowland and mid-altitude areas, but nurseries of 15 to 60 females, may also be found higher up (1000 m a.s.l.). Winters in buildings or in underground habitats; summer roosts are mainly in buildings, crevices, occasionally tree holes. Primarily hunts in open areas with spots of woodland and preys on flying insects, especially Lepidoptera, but also Coleoptera, Diptera, Hymenoptera and Hemiptera. It occasionally gleans insects from the ground. In Europe females give birth to one young per year, in Asia twins are more often recorded. Sedentary, but there are records of 300 km-moves between summer and winter roosts.

Range – The species ranges in the north from 57° latitude in Denmark, south to north-western Africa, it occurs in western Palaearctic Europe, southern ex-URSS, Iran, Iraq, Mongolia, Korea and China. Italy is included in the species' range.