

***Hypsugo savii*** (Bonaparte, 1837) **Savi's bat**

Measurements – Head-body length (40) 43-52 (54) mm; Tail length 31-43 mm; Forearm length 30-37 (38) mm; Wingspan 220-250 mm; Weight 5-10 g.

Ecology – The species is found in a variety of habitats. Roosts mostly in buildings, stone crevices, sometimes in caves and mines, in tree holes and beneath tree bark. It is one of the most common species in urban habitats. Sedentary, commutes between summer and winter roosts covering up to 250 km. Feeds on small insects, i.e. Diptera, Lepidoptera, Hymenoptera and Neuroptera caught on the wing. Females give birth to two young, rarely one, in June-July.

Range – Occurs in Mediterranean Europe, part of central and eastern Europe, north-western Africa, central Asia and eastwards to north-eastern India and possibly northern Japan. Occurs in all regions of Italy.