

***Myotis aurascens* Kuzyakin, 1935 Steppe whiskered bat**

This taxon was recently proposed as a good species (2000), albeit its validity remains controversial because has not yet received genetical confirmation.

Measurements – unknown.

Ecology – unknown.

Range – This species is certainly present in Anatolia, Transcaucasia and north-western Iran (Benda & Karatas 2005).

In Italy three specimens were identified as Steppe whiskered bats: one from M. Baldo, Verona, kept at the Senckenberg Museum in Frankfurt, one collected in Pinerolo, Turin, (1873) and one from the Alpi Apuane, Lucca (1876), both in the mammal collection of “La Specola” Museum in Florence (Benda & Karatas 2005).