

***Myotis capaccinii* (Bonaparte, 1837) Long-fingered bat**

Measurements – Head-body length (49) 55-64 mm; Tail length (21) 23-29 (32) mm; Forearm length (46) 49-54 (55) mm; Wingspan 310-340 mm; Weight 10-18 g.

Ecology – The species is associated with rivers and lakes, especially where riparian vegetation is rich. A trawling bat, hunts over still water and riparian vegetation. Hibernates in caves and mines, rarely in cellars, while maternity colonies use caves. Sedentary, but may cover long distances when travelling between summer and winter sites. It principally preys upon Diptera, Neuroptera and Tricoptera; its diet also includes dipteran larvae and small fish. Females give birth to a single young, usually in June.

Range – Occurs in Mediterranean Europe, Maghreb and, in south-western Asia, to Iran and Uzbekistan. Present in all regions of Italy.