

Myotis dasycneme (Boie, 1825) **Pond bat**

Measurements – Head-body length 57-68 (73) mm; Tail length (39) 46-51 (53) mm; Forearm length (41) 44-48,5 (49,2) mm; Wingspan 200-320 mm; Weight (11) 14-20 (23) g.

Ecology –Selects wooded areas and wetlands but is also found in largely urbanized areas. Hibernates in caves, mines or cellars and also in trees; summer roosts in attics, tree holes and nest boxes. Migrant, the longest move so far recorded is 330 km. Feeds on small Diptera, Lepidoptera and Coleoptera caught either on the wing or by trawling. Females give birth to a single youngster in May-July.

Range – It occurs in central and eastern Europe, eastwards to central Siberia; a single record in Manchuria.

In Italy there is only a historical record for Trento (northern Italy) where a female was caught in 1881 and is kept at “La Specola” Museum in Florence.