

Myotis daubentonii (Kuhl, 1817) **Daubenton's bat**

Measurements – Head-body length (40) 45-55 (60) mm; Tail length (27) 31-44 (48) mm; Forearm length 33-41 (42) mm; Wingspan 240-275 mm; Weight (4) 7-10 (17) g.

Ecology – Typically associated with water habitats for foraging, inhabits woodland and towns close to wetland. Winters in caves while summer roosts are represented by tree holes, bat boxes, buildings, bridges etc. May occasionally roost in *Riparia riparia*'s nests. Partial migrant, it usually travels for less than 100 km though the longest move recorded is 260 km. Feeds mainly on chironomids but may also catch small fish by trawling. Females give birth to one young between June and July.

Range – It occurs throughout all Europe, in Asia east to Japan. Range comprised between latitudes 60° and 45° N. Occurs in all Italy.