

running 0,5 m. below ground level. This sewer is so small that only a child on all fours could get inside it. It is dry and several pipes run along the bottom.

The only record of the occurrence of bats in underground sewers (in the winter!) is that given by Goehring (1954).

During this same period I found 5 adult females of *M. mystacinus* (Leisler) with their young in a cellar, which is even more interesting, as the females require far better thermal conditions than the males. One of the young bats was still flying round feebly.

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INTERESTING TAWNY SPECIMEN OF THE LONG-EARED BAT
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On 15th March 1956 in the underground passages of the so-called „Lower Garden” of the Institute of Agriculture at Puławy I found a female long-eared bat (*Plecotus auritus* L.) distinguished by the light-yellow colour of almost the entire wing area, the whole uropatagium and part of the ears. This colour formed a sharp contrast to the few small isolated spots of normal dark colour on the membrane. The colour of the pelage was normal.

With the exception of this one individual I never encountered a bat of abnormal colouring, although I have had in my hands, or seen, nearly 14,000 specimens belonging to all of the 17 Polish species.

Descriptions of colour anomalies occur seldom in literature, and I have not found a description of an anomaly identical with the above. The case relatively most similar to this is the anomaly in a certain specimen of *Eptesicus fuscus* (Beauvois) described by Trapido and Crowe (1942). In that case, however, the membranes were of a different colour, while the pelage was lighter in colour than normal.

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