

## **Cave nectar bat at Mandai**

**Subject:** Cave nectar bat, *Eonycteris spelaea* (Mammalia: Chiroptera: Pteropodidae).

**Subject identified by:** Contributor.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, forest west of Mandai Lake Road; 8 January 2011; night.

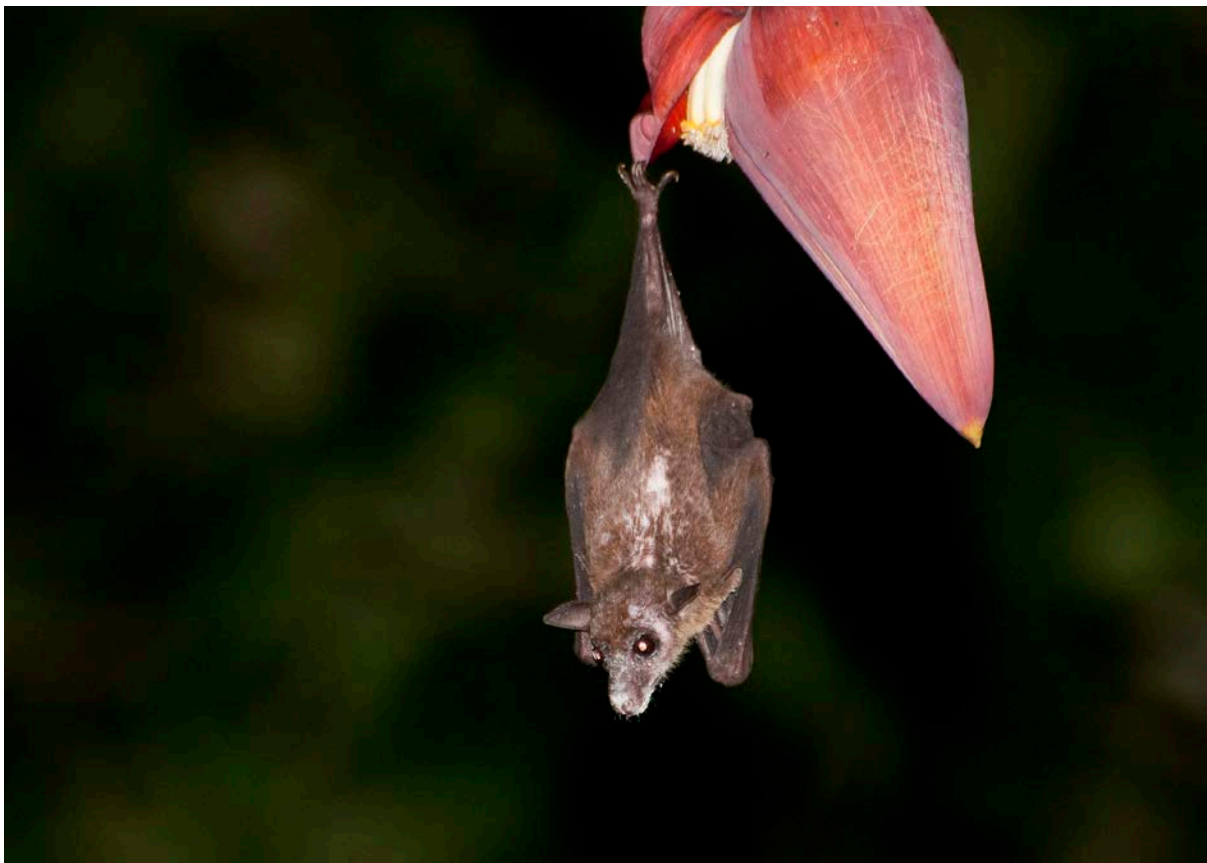
**Habitat:** Young secondary forest and post-succession agriculture vegetation.

**Observers:** Contributor & Celine H. S. Low.

**Observation:** A single example was seen suspending from a banana (*Musa* sp.) flower (see accompanying picture). It was hanging on three toes and occasionally groomed itself before dropping off and flying away.

**Remarks:** The cave nectar bat feeds on nectar and pollen, and appears to be able to exploit both planted urban streetscapes (Chan, 2013) and forested habitats outside their roosting sites in Singapore.

**Reference:** Chan K.W., 2013. Cave fruit bat and mourning gecko on golden penda tree. *Singapore Biodiversity Records*. 2013: 108–109.



Cave nectar bat on the night of 8 January 2011. Photograph by Marcus A. H. Chua

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