

Noctule

Nyctalus noctula (Schreber, 1774)

Order: Chiroptera

A large bat, dorsal fur is a distinctive short smooth uniform dark golden brown, short rounded ears and the face and ears are a blackish brown.

HABITAT – open areas close to water.

ROOSTING – trees and bat boxes, rarely in buildings.

DIET – will take larger prey such as cockchafer beetles.



Photograph: Neil Reeves

The Noctule is widespread across Europe and Asia, as far as Myanmar.

The noctule bat is listed as a priority species for conservation on the UK BAP (UKBAP, 2007). It is restricted to England, Wales and south-west Scotland. Population monitoring indicates a long-term decline in the north and east, and an increase in the south and west (BCT, 2006).

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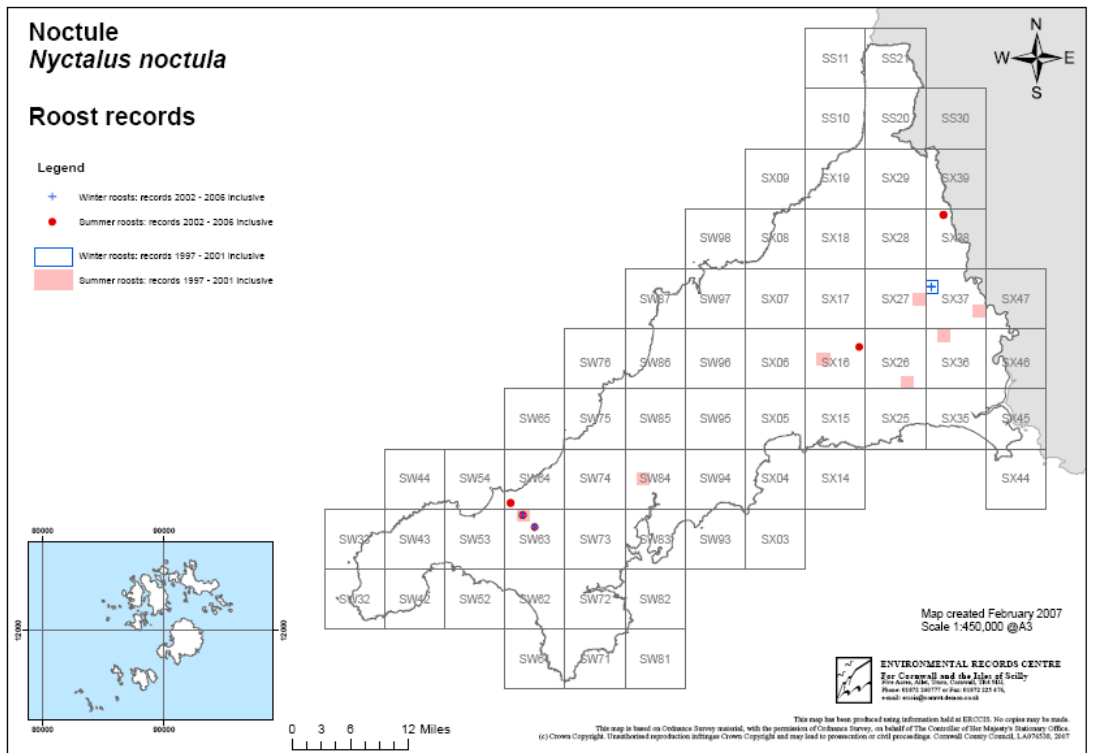
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Local distribution and key sites

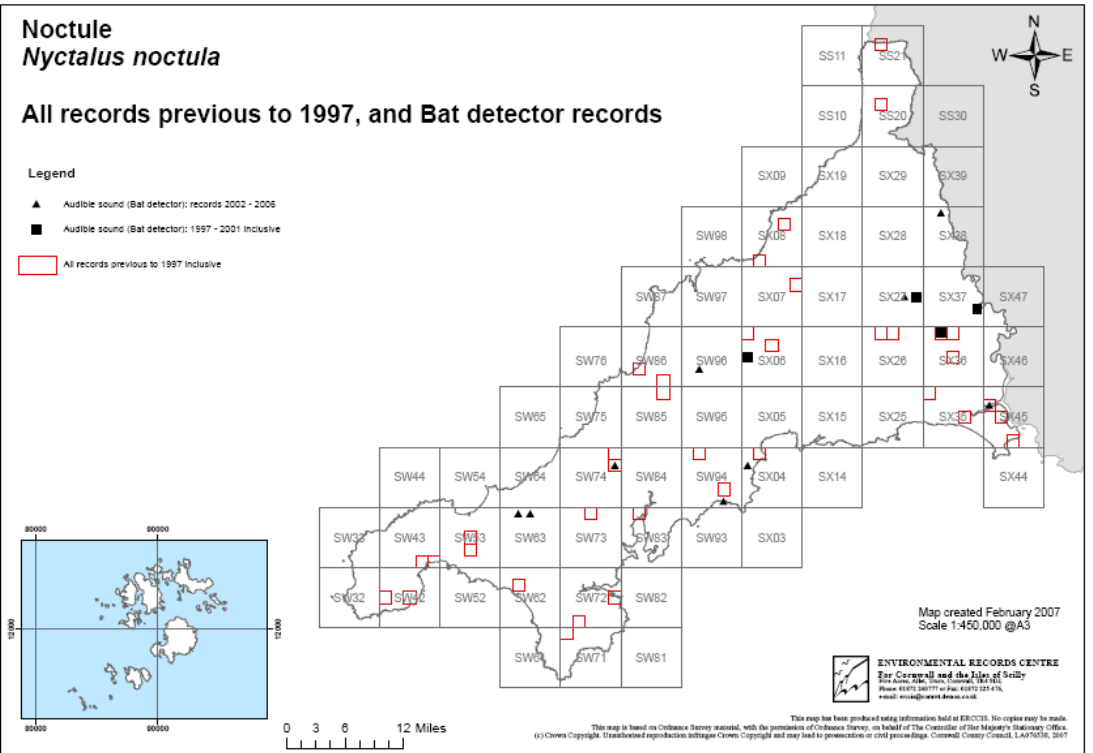
The maps show that the Noctule is widespread in Cornwall but generally under recorded. This is probably because this species exhibits elusive roosting behaviour, roosting predominantly in trees.

Key references



NRMA

Number of records per date class
 2002 to 2006 inclusive 15
 1997 to 2001 inclusive 9
 All records previous to 1997 52
Total bat roost records 24



Number of records per date class
 2002 to 2006 inclusive 9
 1997 to 2001 inclusive 4
 All records previous to 1997 52
Total bat detector records 13