

Bat Survey. MPF orchard area. 16th July 2019

44 calls recorded from 13 bats. 3 species. 25 mins survey.

Common pipistrelle x 26 calls (5 individual bats) Found in any habitat. Very common

Soprano pipistrelle x 16 (8) Wetland/woodland edge/hedgerows. Common

Serotine x 1 (1) Large bat with 15" wingspan. Uncommon. Only in southern England.

Many more calls (44) recorded than late May (19), but no Noctules or Brandt's bats this time. One Serotine which was a good one to find.

We watched 2 Soprano pipistrelles circling the cleared den area for several minutes, so there must have been plenty of small flying insects there to keep them interested.

We are recording more Soprano than Common pipistrelles. Generally Commons are more 'common' than Sopranos. Time will tell of this is just a seasonal thing, or whether we have a thriving population of Sopranos, or perhaps fewer Common Pipistrelles than we might expect.

Still hoping to find a few more species before the end of Autumn before they go into hibernation.

Roger

