

Fijian Free-Tailed Bat

Kalakalavo (*Chaerephon bregullae*)



This species belongs to the family *Molossidae*. Only two species are known to occur in the South Pacific region, which are the *Solomon Mastiff-bat* endemic to Solomon Islands and this *Fijian free-tailed bat*. It is known to roost only in the volcanic cave in Fiji (Nakanacagi) in the Dreketi district in Vanua Levu. It has been sighted also in Taveuni, but no cave roosts have been confirmed from the island. This makes the Nakanacagi population the only nursing population known to date, in the world!

The Fiji free-tailed bat is listed as Endangered in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

