

Since posting the Oman Trip Report (Dec 2021), Charles Hood and Mike Richardson have received bat ID help from

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and we cannot recommend him highly enough!

In an email, after a preliminary review, he thinks we got recordings as follows:

- Geoffroy's Horseshoe bat (*Rhinolophus clivosus*): one recording on 13 Dec
- Unknown Horseshoe bat (*Rhinolophus sp.*): one recording on 10 Dec. This one is peculiar. It's quite low in frequency, excluding both *clivosus* and *blasii*. It's at 76kHz. This sort of frequency in the Middle East would only really be typical of *R. ferrumequinum* (Greater Horseshoe) but the species is absent from the peninsula. I will investigate further over the next few weeks as I receive large datasets from the region. This record definitely has a lot of potential to be something substantial, either a country's first or a substantial expansion of a species' repertoire. It's not inconceivable that *Rhifer* crossed over from Iran but this requires more research.
- Sind bat/ Kuhl's Pipistrelle (*Rhyneptesicus nasutus* / *P. kuhlii*): one recording on 13 Dec. This recording is puzzling. The literature isn't very helpful when it comes to distinguishing the two. I will circle back to you on that one once I've had a look at some reference calls of *R. nasutus*.
- Arabian Pipistrelle (*Hypsugo arabicus*): Very likely this species in a recording on 13 Dec as there were some 'low' frequency calls (EF around 30kHz). There aren't really any other species that could produce this kind of calls and *H. arabicus* is a poorly known species that's likely a lot more widespread than current maps make it appear.