

## SUMMARY

**Wojtaszyn G., Bernard R., Jaros R., Samoląg J. Winter localities of Bechstein's bat *Myotis bechsteinii* at the northern limit of its distribution.**

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Bechstein's bat *Myotis bechsteinii* occurs in southern and partly central Poland. The species is considered to be generally rare in Poland, but locally it is more frequent and regularly breeding. Its northernmost known current locality in Strzalin near Tuczno (53°11'09" N, 16°13'05" E) is situated 80-90 km north of the northern limit of more compact distribution of the species.

On 6 February 2007 hibernating *M. bechsteinii* was recorded in the underground corridors of fortifications in Strzalin for the second time (1 individual) and in the old brewery in Piła for the first time (1 individual). The new locality in Piła (53°11'25" N, 16°44'25" E) is situated 35 km east of Strzalin, at the same latitude and distance from the compact species range. Bechstein's bat is considered to be a sedentary species. Therefore, the repeated record from Strzalin and the new one from Piła suggest its autochthonous occurrence in this area.