

the life expectancy should be shorter in Sweden than in Britain. Morris (1969) calculated life expectancy at weaning for a hedgehog population in England to be 1.9 years. Using capture-recapture data from a population in Scania I have found the corresponding value to be slightly more than two years *i.e.* almost the same (Kristiansson, unpubl.), which does not agree with the predictions made by Spencer & Steinhoff (1968).

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### Longevity Record for the Lesser Horseshoe Bat

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A ringed individual of *Rhinolophus hipposideros* (Bechstein, 1800) was recaptured 21 years, 3 months and 16 days after the ringing date.

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A female lesser horseshoe bat, *Rhinolophus hipposideros* (Bechstein, 1800), with ring No. 8785 Inst. Psych. Anim. Univ. Kraków Polon. was caught on December 20th 1980 at Nietoperzowa Cave near Ojców (50°11' N, 19°46'E). The bat was hanging at a height of 1.5 m on the cave wall, about 100 m from the entrance, and there were another individuals near it. The bat had been ringed on Nov. 4th 1959 in the Czerna monastery near Krzeszowice, about 15 km from the place at which it was found again. The animal had thus lived for 21 years, 3 months and 16 days from the date of ringing. The greatest age hitherto known, established in the same way, was 18 years and 3 months (Gaisler J. & Hanak V., 1969: Acta Sci. Nat. Acad. Sci. Bohemosl., 3, 5: 3—33).

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