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# *Nyctalus plancyi* and *Falsistrellus petersi* (Chiroptera: Vespertilionidae) from northern Luzon, Philippines: ecology, phylogeny, and biogeographic implications

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We report the first records of *Nyctalus plancyi* from the Philippines, on the basis of three specimens taken in high-elevation mossy forest in the Central Cordillera of northern Luzon. We also report three new specimens of *Falsistrellus petersi* in the same areas, previously a poorly known species within the Philippines, and provide the first genetic data on the phylogenetic position of the genus. Analysis of sequence data from the mitochondrial gene cytochrome *b* shows ca. 4% divergence of the Philippine *N. plancyi* from a sample from China. Combined sequence data from cytochrome *b* and the nuclear gene RAG2 confirm that *N. plancyi* is related to *Pipistrellus*. They further show that *F. petersi* is related to *Hypsugo* and *Vespertilio*, and *Philetor brachypterus* is related to *Tylonycteris*, with all of these taxa being members of the Vespertilionini, not the Pipistrellini. *Nyctalus plancyi* is the first mammal species documented to have colonized the main, oceanic body of the Philippines from the north (i.e., Taiwan or mainland China), rather than from the south (Borneo, Sulawesi, or New Guinea).

Key words: colonization, cytochrome b, RAG2, mossy forest, oceanic islands, Southeast Asia

#### INTRODUCTION

The Philippine bat fauna is one of the most diverse in Asia, with 78 species currently formally recognized (Heaney et al., 2010). However, much uncertainty exists about the number of species actually present, due to evidence that some currently recognized species represent species complexes (e.g., Ingle and Heaney, 1992; Rickart et al., 1999; Helgen et al., 2007; Sedlock et al., 2008, 2011; Sedlock and Weyandt, 2009; Esselstyn et al., 2012), documentation of species not previously known from the Philippines (e.g., Balete et al., 1995; Esselstyn et al., 2004; Heaney et al., 2005; Duya et al., 2007), and the continuing discovery of previously unknown endemic species (Esselstyn, 2007; Esselstyn et al., 2008). Further, many of the recorded species are poorly known, with few specimens and little information on ecology and distribution within the archipelago, and much uncertainty about phylogenetic relationships (Heaney et al., 2010). During the course of recent intensive efforts to document the mammal fauna of Luzon Island, the largest

island in the Philippines at ca. 103,000 km<sup>2</sup> (e.g., Duya *et al.*, 2007, 2011; Balete *et al.*, 2009, 2011; Alviola *et al.*, 2011; Heaney *et al.*, 2011; Rickart *et al.*, 2011*a*, 2011*b*; Sedlock *et al.*, 2011), we obtained specimens and data on two species of vespertilionids that allow us to add a new and surprising species record to the island's bat fauna, and to clarify the ecology and phylogenetic position of a poorly known species, as documented below.

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

## Field and Museum Methods

Field studies were conducted under permits from the Philippine Department of Environment and Natural Resources; all relevant Philippine rules and regulations regarding the capture, handling, and exportation of specimens were followed. Specimens were measured in the field with a ruler graduated in millimeters and with Pesola scales graduated to either 1 g (used for *Nyctalus*) or 0.1 g (used for *Falsistrellus*). The following measurements were taken: total length, from the tip of the rostrum to the tip of the tail vertebrae; tail length, from the base of the tail at the pelvis to the tip of the tail vertebrae; hind foot length, from the ankle to the tip of the longest claw; ear length,

from the notch at the base of the external ear (pinna) to the dorsal tip of the pinna; forearm length, from the base of the elbow to the wrist, with both joints folded; and body mass, measured in grams. Specimens were preserved in formalin, and later transferred to 70% ethanol, with the skulls removed and cleaned with dermestid beetles and a weak ammonia solution. Our specimens have been cataloged into the collection of the Field Museum of Natural History (FMNH); half of the specimens will later be deposited in the National Museum of the Philippines, Manila.

For existing fluid-preserved specimens housed in the Field Museum, we took external measurements with a ruler graduated in millimeters. We also examined specimens housed in the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) and United States National Museum of Natural History (USNM). Images of the skulls were obtained with an AMRAY 1810 scanning electron microscope, using uncoated (untreated) skulls.

# Morphological Methods

Heaney took the following measurements on skulls using digital calipers graduated to 0.01 mm. Condylo-incisive length: from the anteriormost point on the incisors to the posteriormost point on the occipital condyles; zygomatic width: taken across the widest points on the zygomatic arches; interorbital width: least width between the orbits; mastoid width: greatest width across the mastoid region; orbito-temporal length: greatest length from the posterior margin of the orbito-temporal fossa to the posterior opening of the infraorbital canal; canine to M<sup>3</sup>: alveolar length from the anterior margin of the upper canine to the posterior margin of the third (last) upper molar; molariform toothrow length: alveolar length from the anteriormost lateral margin of the second (P<sup>4</sup>) premolar to the posterior margin of M<sup>3</sup>; palatal width: alveolar width taken between M<sup>3</sup>s; and palatal length: from the anterior edge of the palate at the midline (not including a spine if present) to the posterior margin of the palate along the midline (including a spine when present).

## Genetic Methods

Tissue samples associated with voucher specimens were obtained from three N. plancyi, three F. petersi, two Philetor brachypterus and three Pipistrellus cf. javanicus from the Philippines (Table 1). To place these specimens into a broader phylogenetic perspective, tissue samples from the following range of other vespertilionid species were also analyzed: Nyctalus lasiopterus, N. leisleri, N. noctula, Glischropus tylopus, Scotomanes ornatus, Tylonycteris pachypus and Vespertilio murinus. Together, with 22 other species obtained from GenBank and published elsewhere (Ruedi and Mayer, 2001; Hoofer and Van Den Bussche, 2003; Sakai et al., 2003; Stadelmann et al., 2004a, 2004b, 2007; Ibáñez et al., 2006; Cui et al., 2007; Thabah et al., 2007; Trujillo et al., 2009; Lack et al., 2010), this taxon sampling includes representatives of all subfamilies and major tribes recovered in the molecular survey of the family Vespertilionidae by Van Den Bussche and colleagues (Hoofer and Van Den Bussche, 2003; Roehrs et al., 2010, 2011), as detailed in Table 1. Cistugo seabrae, a representative of the family Cistugidae and sister to the Vespertilionidae (Lack et al., 2010), was chosen as an outgroup.

DNA was isolated from 20–30 mg tissue samples using a DNeasy Tissue Kit (Qiagen GmbH, Hilden, Germany) and eluted in 200  $\mu$ L TE Buffer (provided elution buffer). The complete mitochondrial cytochrome b gene (cyt b) and a portion of the nuclear Recombination Activating Gene 2 (RAG2) were amplified and sequenced in both directions following the protocols detailed in Ruedi *et al.* (2012). PCR products were submitted for sequencing to Macrogen Europe (The Netherlands).

The overlapping sequences of each individual were aligned and assembled to produce sequences of 1,140 bp (cyt *b*) or 755 bp (RAG2), using the software Sequencher version 4.6 (Gene Codes Corp.). This program was also used to ensure that all sequences were coding for amino acids, with no stop codons, and hence were assumed to represent orthologous genes. These new sequences were aligned with 24 cyt *b* and RAG2 sequences obtained from GenBank (Table 1). Sequences shorter than the target length were completed with 'N' to replace missing data. For consistency with other molecular studies in bat systematics (see e.g., Bradley and Baker, 2001; Salgueiro *et al.*, 2007), we measured pairwise sequence divergence with the K2P model of substitution (K2P distance), using the program MEGA version 5 (Tamura *et al.*, 2011).

All phylogenetic analyses were repeated for each data set separately and on the combined cyt b + RAG2 matrix. We used Bayesian (BA) inference and neighbor-joining (NJ) methods to reconstruct phylogenetic relationships. For each data set, the appropriate model of nucleotide substitutions was determined with the program MrModeltest version 2.2 (Nylander, 2004). The GTR + G + I model of substitution best described the cyt band combined data sets, while the simpler model SYM+G provided the best fit for the RAG2 data set.

Bayesian posterior probabilities (PP) were calculated from four simultaneous chains run for 10 million generations with trees sampled every 1,000 generations, as implemented in Mr-Bayes version 3.1.2 (Huelsenbeck and Ronquist, 2001). Stationarity of likelihoods were checked with Tracer version 1.5 (Rambaut and Drummond, 2009) and the initial 10% of sampled trees were discarded as burn-in. NJ analyses and 1000 bootstrap replicates were based on the maximum likelihood distance selected with MrModeltest and performed with MEGA.

# RESULTS

## Ecology and Morphological Assessments

#### Nyctalus plancyi

On 24 March 2006, we captured a large vespertilionid 0.1 km S of the south peak of Mt. Data at 2,310 m elevation; on 18 February 2007, we captured two specimens of the same species on Mt. Amuyao at 1,730 m elevation, 0.3 km N of the Barlig Municipal Hall. Both localities are in Mountain Province, within the Central Cordillera of northern Luzon Island (Fig. 1).

The specimen from Mt. Data was captured in one of three 12 m mist nets set for three nights (9 netnights) along the perimeter of a small, shallow pond surrounded by open vegetable fields, less than 100 m from remnant mossy forest, on the rolling plateau that forms the top of Mt. Data; several buildings and other structures existed within a few hundred meters TABLE 1. Taxonomic sampling (following Hoofer and Van Den Bussche, 2003, and Simmons, 2005), voucher number (for newly sequenced individuals) and geographic origin of the bat species included in the phylogenetic reconstructions. GenBank numbers and corresponding bibliographic references are also listed for each gene. FMNH stands for Field Museum of Natural History, MHNG for Natural History Museum of Geneva and EBD for Estación Biológica de Doñana

Classification	Voucher	Origin	Cyt b	Ref	RAG2	Ref
Family Vespertilionidae						
Subfamily Vespertilioninae						
Perimyotis subflavus		USA	AJ504449	с	GU328103	j
Tribe Nycticeiini						
Eptesicus hottentotus		South Africa	AJ841963	b	EU786886	k
<i>Eptesicus serotinus</i>		Azerbaijan/Europe	EU751000		lEU786909	k
Scotomanes ornatus	MHNG 1926.051	Laos PDR	JX570910	m	JX570927	m
Tribe Pipistrellini						
Pipistrellus kuhlii		Greece/Switzerland	AJ504444	с	DQ120829	h
P. pygmaeus		Greece/Spain	AJ504441	с	GU328107	i
P. cf. javanicus	FMNH 194729	Philippines	JX570908	m	JX570924	m
P. cf. javanicus	FMNH 191321	Philippines	JX570896	m	JX570925	m
P. cf. javanicus	FMNH 167237	Philippines	JX570909	m	JX570926	m
Glischropus tylopus	MHNG 1970.063	Malaysia	JX570898	m	JX570915	m
Nyctalus lasiopterus	EBD C-2306	Spain	JX570900	m	JX570916	m
N. leisleri	MHNG 1956.071	Switzerland	JX570901	m	JX570917	m
N. noctula	MHNG 1807.050	Greece	JX570902	m	JX570918	m
N. plancvi		China	DO435073	d	_	_
N. plancvi	FMNH 193511	Philippines	JX570903	m	JX570919	m
N. plancvi	FMNH 193512	Philippines	JX570904	m	JX570920	m
N. plancvi	FMNH 188236	Philippines	JX570905	m	JX570921	m
Tribe Scotophilini						
Scotophilus heathi		Vietnam	EU750944	1	GU328112	i
S. kuhlii		Philippines	EU750914	1	GU328113	i
Tribe Vespertilionini						J
Falsistrellus petersi	FMNH 188235	Philippines	JX570894	m	JX570912	m
F. petersi	FMNH 188238	Philippines	JX570895	m	JX570914	m
F petersi	FMNH 193513	Philippines	JX570897	m	JX570913	m
Hypsugo savii		Switzerland	AJ504450	с	DO120827	h
H. cadornae	MHNG 1926.050	Laos PDR	JX570899	m	DO120828	h
Philetor brachypterus	FMNH 180236	Philippines	JX570906	m	JX570922	m
P brachypterus	FMNH 191324	Philippines	JX570907	m	JX570923	m
Tvlonvcteris pachypus	MHNG 1970.041	China/Malavsia	EF517315	f	JX570928	m
Vespertilio murinus	MHNG 1957.087	Switzerland	JX570911	m	JX570929	m
Subfamily Keriyoulinae						
Kerivoula cf. lenis		Vietnam	AJ841970	b	AY141035	i
Subfamily Murininae						
Harpiocephalus harpia		Laos PDR	AJ841971	b	AM265701	g
Subfamily Myotinae						0
Mvotis alcathoe		France	JO044687	n	JO044698	n
M. annectans		Laos PDR	AJ841956	b	AM265663	g
M. hrandtii		Russia	AM261886	g	AM265647	g
M cf browni		Philippines	AF376859	a	AM265648	g
M formosus		Laos PDR	AJ841950	b	AM265658	g
M gracilis		Ianan	AB106609	e	AM265660	σ
M keavsi		Mexico	AF376852	a	GU328083	i 5
M. mvotis		Spain	AM261883	g	AM265679	л р
M nattereri		Greece	AF376863	ъ а	AM265681	5 o
M riparius		Brasil	AF376866	a	AM265687	5 0
Family Cistugidae		214011	1110,0000	u	1111200007	5
Cistuoo seabrae		South Africa	A 1841962	h	GU328052	i
Cisingo scubine		South Annea	113071902	0	00520052	J

References: a — Ruedi and Mayer (2001); b — Stadelmann *et al.* (2004*b*); c — Stadelmann *et al.* (2004*a*); d — Thabah *et al.* (2007); e — Sakai *et al.* (2003); f — Cui *et al.* (2007); g — Stadelmann *et al.* (2007); h — Ibáñez *et al.* (2006); i — Hoofer and Van Den Bussche (2003), j — Lack *et al.* (2010); k — J. Juste, P. Benda, J. R. García-Mudarra, and C. Ibáñez (unpublished data); l — Trujillo *et al.* (2009); m — this paper; n — Ruedi *et al.* (2012)



FIG. 1. Map of Luzon Island, Philippines, showing the locations of documented specimens of *F. petersi* (at 1, 2, and 3) and *N. plancyi* (at 2 and 3). See text for details

(Heaney *et al.*, 2006). Other bats captured at the same pond or closer to the nearby remnant forest were *Otopteropus cartilagonodus* (n = 4) and *Pipistrellus tenuis* (n = 2; specimens in FMNH). Other bats captured nearby were *Cynopterus brachyotis* (1), *Hipposideros diadema* (1), and *Falsistrellus petersi* (n = 2; see below).

The second and third specimens, from Mt. Amuyao, were captured in 34 net-nights, in 12 m nets set along the top of a narrow ridge ascending steeply through pine forest with an understory of exotic grasses and small shrubs (especially *Melastoma* spp.); fires sweep over the hillside at least every few years. Lightly disturbed montane forest occurred about 100 m uphill, and many buildings and other structures within 300 m downhill. Other bats captured in the same net-line included *Macroglossus minimus* (one individual), *O. cartilagonodus* (7), and *Ptenochirus jagori* (7).

No known bat from the Philippines matches these specimens, but all of the features of these three specimens are consistent with those of *N. plancyi* from mainland China, northern Vietnam, and Taiwan (Miller, 1907; Bates and Harrison, 1997; Francis, 2008; Wilson, 2008); we follow Simmons (2005) in recognizing *N. plancyi* as distinct from N. noctula. The total, tail, hind foot, ear, and forearm length of the three specimens are similar to those of a series from Szechuan, China (Table 2). The dorsal fur is dark brown, with a deep reddish tint in bright light, and has a glossy sheen; it extends only a short distance onto the patagium. The ventral fur is also brown but paler, sometimes with an orange tint; a fairly dense coat of this fur extends to the elbow both anterior and posterior to the humerus, and a sparse covering of hair extends laterally from the elbow to the proximal base of digits five and four, posterior to the wrist. No fur grows over the humerus or radio-ulna or on the digit bones. A small amount of this ventral fur grows posterior to the basal portion of the femurs, in the vicinity of the anus. The muzzle (Fig. 2A) is darkly pigmented, broad, and nearly naked except for some fine hairs growing on the upper and lower lips. The nostrils are moderately large and project laterally. The ears and tragus are short and broad, and the tragus is sharply curved anteriorly for its upper half. The tip of the tail protrudes a few millimeters beyond the end of the tail membrane, and the calcar is well developed. Adult males have a large, pendulous penis.

The skull (Fig. 3A-F) is relatively short and robust, with broad but slender zygomatic arches and a conspicuous lambdoidal crest. In lateral profile, the rostrum lies on the same plane as the braincase, with virtually no hint of a 'forehead' (Fig. 3C). The anterior palatal emargination is large. The dental formula is 2.1.2.3/3.1.2.3 = 34. The lateral upper incisor is slightly smaller in basal cross-section than the medial one (Fig. 3B and 3F). A small upper premolar  $(P^2)$  lies lingual to the canine, between and in contact with both the canine and a large, molariform premolar  $(P^4)$ ; the canine and second premolar  $(P^4)$ are in contact laterally, and so the first upper premolar  $(P^2)$  is not visible in the lateral view of the skull. All three upper molars are well developed, with the third molar (M<sup>3</sup>) about half to two-thirds the size of the second molar ( $M^2$  — Fig. 3F). There are three pairs of tricuspid lower incisors (Fig. 3D and 3E). The anterior lower premolar is about two-thirds the size of the second. Of the three lower molars, the second is the largest (Fig. 3D). The palate is broad, and the posterior margin lies posterior to the edge of the last molar by a distance greater than the width of the last molar (Fig. 3B). The auditory bullae are large, with a well-developed basioccipital pit medial to each bulla, and a smaller and shallower basioccipital pit lies anterior to each (Fig. 3B). Measurements of the crania show only slight differences from a series from Szechuan, China (Table 2).

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 TABLE 2. External and cranial measurements (in mm, except for body mass in g) of *N. plancyi* and *F. petersi* from Szechuan, China and Luzon, Philippines. See Materials and Methods. Numbers in parentheses indicate sample size when less than shown at top of column

 N plancyi
 F petersi

	N. plancyi				F. petersi	
Measurement	Szechuan $(n = 7)$		Luzon $(n = 3)$		Luzon $(n = 3)$	
	$\bar{\times}\pm SD$	min–max	$\bar{\times}\pm SD$	min–max	$\bar{\times}\pm SD$	min–max
Total length	$121.8\pm4.5$	117-127	$123.3\pm0.6$	123-124	90 (2)	88-92
Tail length	$46.2 \pm 1.9$	44-47	$43.0\pm1.7$	42-45	37 (2)	35-39
Hind foot length	$11.6\pm0.5$	11-12	$12.7 \pm 1.2$	12-14	9 (2)	9
Ear length	$16.6\pm0.9$	16-18	$16.7\pm0.6$	16-17	$14.3 \pm 0.6$	14-15
Forearm length	$51.8 \pm 1.1$	50-53	$48.7\pm0.6$	48-49	$38.7\pm0.6$	38–39
Body mass	_	_	$19.7\pm0.6$	19-20	6.3 (2)	6.0-6.6
Condylo-incisive length	$17.98\pm0.47$	17.12-18.44	$18.21\pm0.41$	17.74-18.49	$14.44\pm0.20$	14.24-14.64
Condylo-canine length	$17.00\pm0.41$	16.51-17.55	$17.31\pm0.44$	16.81-17.62	$13.63\pm0.17$	13.48-13.81
Zygomatic width	$12.29\pm0.38$	11.82-12.78	$12.05\pm0.59$	11.39-12.52	$9.15\pm0.06$	9.09-9.21
Interorbital width	$5.35\pm0.06$	5.25-5.41	$5.00\pm0.11$	4.92-5.13	$3.67\pm0.15$	3.52-3.81
Mastoid width	$11.21\pm0.32$	10.66-11.74	$11.08\pm0.25$	10.92-11.37	$7.62\pm0.09$	7.57-7.72
Orbito-temporal length	$6.64\pm0.48$	5.62-7.09	$7.21\pm0.14$	7.06-7.32	$5.47\pm0.08$	5.38-5.52
Canine to M <sup>3</sup>	$6.54\pm0.13$	6.41-6.73	$6.54\pm0.23$	6.28-6.71	$5.40\pm0.05$	5.35-5.42
Molariform length	$5.22\pm0.10$	5.09-5.41	$5.42\pm0.07$	5.36-5.49	$4.27\pm0.01$	4.26-4.28
Palatal width at M <sup>3</sup>	$4.48\pm0.18$	4.27-4.78	$4.76\pm0.16$	4.58-4.89	$3.36\pm0.04$	3.32-3.39
Palatal length	$6.60\pm0.25$	6.21–6.97	$6.60\pm0.23$	6.34–6.77	$5.87\pm0.14$	5.72-6.00

Falsistrellus petersi

On 18 and 29 March 2006, we captured two *Falsistrellus petersi* inside a large, old, wooden building located 0.8 km N, 1.5 km E of the south



FIG. 2. A — N. plancyi (FMNH 188236), photographed on 24 March 2006, B — F. petersi (FMNH 188238), photographed on 29 March 2006. Both photographs taken on Mt. Data, Mountain Province, Luzon by L. R. Heaney

peak of Mt. Data, at 2,128 m elevation. On 10 March 2007, we captured an additional specimen 0.5 km N, 0.5 km W of the peak of Mt. Amuyao at 2,530 m elevation (Fig. 1). Previous records from the Philippines, which we have re-examined, include one captured at Camp John Hay, Baguio, Benguet Province (ca. 1,250 m elevation; USNM 283870) and one from Panatao, Claver Municipality, Surigao del Norte Province, Mindanao (elevation unknown; AMNH 206748). We re-examined a specimen reported as F. petersi by Sedlock et al. (2008), and identified it as representing a large member of the Pipistrellus javanicus group. Falsistrellus petersi is also known from the Crocker Range of Sabah, Borneo; Minahassa, north Sulawesi; and Buru and Ambon islands in the Moluccas. It has been suggested that F. mordax (from Java) and F. affinis (from Burma, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and southwest China) are conspecific (Payne et al., 1985; Francis and Hill, 1986; Corbett and Hill, 1992; Flannery, 1995; Simmons, 2005; Wilson, 2008).

The two specimens captured on Mt. Data were taken by hand inside an old, large, wooden building at 2,128 m in a residential area adjacent to a heavily used road. Scattered pine trees grew nearby among residences, small-scale agricultural plots, and grazing land; remnant mossy forest was ca. 1 km distant. Numerous small bats seen flying in the evenings near the building appeared similar and may have been this species. The third specimen was captured in a mist net set at the top of a steep ridge at 2,530 m elevation on Mt. Amuyao, in an area dominated



FIG. 3. Scanning electron micrographs of the cranium, dentition, and mandible of *N. plancyi* (FMNH 193511) from Mt. Amuyao, Mountain Province, Luzon

by old-growth mossy forest; the net was set on the ridge where no trees grew, so that the net was above the surrounding vegetation. Scattered pine trees grew nearby along the ridge-top. Other bats captured at this location were *Otopteropus cartilagonodus*, *Rhinolophus* sp. (*R. arcuatus* group), and *Pipistrellus tenuis*. In a small grocery store, made of wood, in the town of Barlig at the base of Mt. Amuyao, ca. 1,500 m elevation, we noted that among the dried luna moths for sale were several bats that appeared to be this species. The owner told us that the bats, like the moths, flew into the store in the evenings and were captured by hand. We saw many small vespertilionid bats flying over the town in the evenings that may have been this species.

Cranial measurements of our three specimens are consistent with those of specimens in AMNH and USNM (Table 2) and published measurements of *F. petersi* from Borneo and Buru, and *F. affinis* from India (Francis and Hill, 1986). The dorsal fur (Fig. 2B) is soft, dense, and long, somewhat shaggy, and dark brown with pale tips that appear gray or silvery. The ventral pelage is paler with brown tips; the fur extends only a short distance onto the patagium adjacent to the torso. A small amount of pale brown fur extends onto the ventral surface of the femur and adjacent to the anus. The muzzle is dark brown, and appears narrow and elongated compared to *Pipistrellus javanicus*, with less swelling laterally. The nostrils are slightly elongated. The ears are substantially taller than wide; the tragus is of moderate length and width, and is slightly curved anteriorly. The tip of the tail extends about 1.5 mm beyond the tail membrane. The calcar is well developed, with a slight keel extending medially from the hind foot. Adult males have a long, pendulous penis.

The skull (Fig. 4A–F) is somewhat elongate and narrow, with slender zygomatic arches. The occipital crests are well-developed, and the sagittal and lambdoidal crests are low but present. In lateral view (Fig. 4C), there is a slight inflection from the plane of the rostrum upward to the plane of the braincase, producing a low 'forehead'. A ridge runs along the superior margin of the orbit from the anterior edge to a supraorbital tubercle. The dental formula is 2.1.2.3/3.1.2.3 = 34. The first upper incisor (Fig. 4F) has prominent anterior and posterior cusps; the second upper incisor has a small postero-lingual cusp, with a basal area similar to that of the first upper incisor. The upper canine is unicuspid and has a prominent lingual cingulum. The first upper premolar  $(P^2)$  has a basal area somewhat smaller than either incisor. In two of three specimens, P<sup>2</sup> is in line laterally with the canine and second premolar  $(P^4)$ , and is fully visible in lateral view; in one, it is displaced lingually and invisible in lateral view, and the canine is in full contact with the second upper premolar. The second upper premolar is large, and in contact with the posterior edge of the first premolar (Fig. 4F). The first upper molar is slightly smaller than the second; the third molar is substantially smaller and lacks the hypocone. The palate is noticeably longer than wide, and the toothrows converge slightly anteriorly. Basioccipital pits are virtually absent.

There are three pairs of lower incisors; all are tricuspidate, with an increase in width posteriorly (Fig. 4C). The lower canine has a small anterior cusp that is in contact with  $I_3$ . The first lower premolar ( $P_2$ ) is half to two-thirds the basal area of the canine and the second premolar ( $P_4$ ); the canine and second premolar are about equal in height. Of the three lower molars, the first is largest and the third smallest.

# Genetic Assessments

Seventeen new cyt b sequences were obtained and submitted to GenBank (accession numbers JX570894–JX570911 — see Table 1). All three sequences of *N. plancyi* from the Philippines were identical and differed by 44 point mutations from a sample from China (4% K2P distance). Pairwise comparisons of genetic differentiation with the other *Nyctalus* species were all much higher, ranging from 16.1% (compared to *N. noctula*) to 18.5% (compared with *N. lasiopterus*). For *F. petersi*, two individuals (DSB 3938 and LRH 7476) had identical cyt *b* sequences, while they differed by three point mutations (0.3%) from the third specimen (EAR 6413). These *Falsistrellus* differed at least by 13% from any other vespertilionid analysed here.

Eighteen partial sequences of RAG2 were obtained and deposited in GenBank (accession numbers JX570912–JX570929). Interestingly, the sequence of T. pachypus contained two codon insertions (AAG, and CAG, respectively) when aligned with most other vespertilionids. These insertions correspond to a Lysine and a Glutamine residue, respectively, and are located at position 17 and 22 respectively of the amino acid alignment (after residue 84 and 89 in the homologous gene sequence of humans). Likewise, the two sequences of Philetor also were longer than in most other bats sequenced due to the same CAG insertion at position 22, but lacked the other inserted codon. A Blast search (as of June 2012) indicates that among the 328 sequences of vespertilionid RAG2 deposited in Gen-Bank, only T. robustula also contains the AAG insertion, while the extra CAG codon was found in both T. robustula and Eptesicus dimissus. These rare codon insertions thus concern only three species that also appear to be closely related in a broader molecular phylogenetic context (Lack et al., 2010), and thus represent singular apomorphic characters that identify this clade.

#### Phylogenetic Reconstructions

As continental *N. plancyi* is represented only by a cyt *b* sequence (Table 1), this reference individual appears only on reconstructions based on that gene, but it is consistently associated with *N. plancyi* from the Philippines (BP/PP 100% in all analyses — Fig. 5). Otherwise, phylogenetic relationships inferred from cyt *b* alone or in combination with RAG2 (Fig. 6) are very similar with no strongly supported node (BP/PP > 80%) conflicting between analyses.

In contrast, analyses of the nuclear data set (RAG2 alone) resulted in much less resolved trees, with rampant low bootstrap or posterior probabilities of nodes (results not shown), but none



FIG. 4. Scanning electron micrographs of the cranium, dentition, and mandible of *F. petersi* (FMNH 188238 for A, B, C, and F; 188235 for D and E) from Mt. Data, Mountain Province, Luzon

of the supported relationships are in conflict with results from analyses of the other data sets. For instance, this nuclear gene supports strongly (BP/PP > 95%) a Pipistrellini clade comprised of *Glischro*pus, Nyctalus and Pipistrellus, and the sister-group relationship of Falsistrellus with Hypsugo, and Philetor with Tylonycteris. These relationships also receive high support in the other reconstructions (Figs. 5 and 6). Other strongly supported relationships include the monophyly of all Nyctalus species and the paraphyly of the genus Pipistrellus, while the few uncertainties in the molecular analyses include the relative position of Vespertilio within the Vespertilionini and of Perimyotis and Scotophilus within the Vespertilionidae, a situation mirrored by other molecular surveys (e.g., Hoofer and Van Den Bussche, 2003; Roehrs et al., 2010, 2011).

#### DISCUSSION

#### Molecular Systematics

Molecular analyses clearly corroborate the morphological evidence that *Nyctalus* specimens from the Philippines are more closely related to the Oriental species *N. plancyi* than to other taxa from the Palaearctic region. The reference cyt *b* sequence issued from a Chinese specimen is distinct (4% K2P distance) from those from the Philippines, but still in the upper limits for intra-specific comparisons (Bradley and Baker, 2001; Ruedi and McCracken, 2009). In spite of the large geographic distance and expanses of open water separating these samples, these specimens are likely conspecific. Species from this genus are known to undertake considerable migrations across the European continent



FIG. 5. Part of the Bayesian consensus tree representing the phylogenetic relationships of selected vespertillionid bats based on cytochrome b (1140 bp) sequence data. Outgroups and other basal vespertilionids were omitted for simplicity. A solid dot at a node denotes that it is supported by at least 95% posterior probability (PP in BA reconstructions) and 90% bootstrap (BP in NJ reconstructions); other support values are given as percentages (PP listed first and BP second). The scale bar represents 0.2 changes

(Petit and Mayer, 1999, 2000; Hutterer *et al.*, 2005), so have high potential for dispersal, but it is unclear whether they can migrate regularly over large expanses of open sea (Salgueiro *et al.*, 2008). Comparative phylogeographic studies in European *Nyc*-*talus* species (Salgueiro *et al.*, 2007) showed that insular and continental samples of *N. leisleri* differ by less than 3%, while sympatrically-occurring species (*N. leisleri*, *N. noctula*, and *N. lasiopterus*) differ by > 9%.

Phylogenetic analyses suggest that all *Nyctalus* species form a strongly supported clade that is nested within a larger clade containing the paraphyletic genus *Pipistrellus*, and *Glischropus* (Fig. 6). This is in line with recent surveys of molecular relationships within the Vespertilionidae (Hoofer and Van Den Bussche, 2003; Francis *et al.*, 2010) and of results suggested by earlier karyological analyses (Volleth and Heller, 1994).

The phylogenetic position of *F. petersi* and *P. brachypterus* based on both mitochondrial and nuclear genes is shown here for the first time (Figs.

5 and 6), and again corroborates the hypothesized position suggested by karyological characters that place these genera in the tribe Vespertilionini (Volleth and Heller, 1994), not in the Pipistrellini. In our sampling, the closest, albeit with high genetic distance (13–16% K2P distance for the cyt b gene), taxon to Falsistrellus is Hypsugo, while Philetor is more closely related to the specialized bamboo bats of the genus Tylonycteris (Fig. 5). This surprising relationship is further supported by a shared CAG codon insertion in their RAG2 sequence, an insertion also found in the enigmatic species Eptesicus dimissus (Lack et al., 2010). These molecular results also support the generic distinction of Falsistrellus from Pipistrellus suggested by several morphological characters (Kitchener et al., 1986; Hill and Harrison, 1987). The consistently close relationship of Falsistrellus with Hypsugo in all analyses suggest that the former genus is part of the Hypsugine group recently defined by Roehrs et al. (2011), along with other genera of Australian origin (Chalinolobus and Vespadelus).



FIG. 6. Bayesian consensus tree representing the phylogenetic relationships of selected vespertillionid bats based on combined cytochrome b (1140 bp) and RAG2 (755 bp) sequence data. Clades consistent with the tribal and subfamilial subdivision of the Vespertilionidae (Roehrs et al., 2010) are highlighted in grey. Other conventions are the same as in Fig. 4

## Biogeography

The bats of Luzon Island have been studied for many decades (e.g., Hollister, 1913; Taylor, 1934; Lawrence, 1939; Sanborn, 1952), but most remain poorly known in many respects. Fruit bats are abundant, diverse, and easily captured in mist nets, and most studies have focused on them (e.g., Ingle, 1993, 2003; Roberts, 2006a, 2006b; Sedlock et al., 2008, 2011; Heaney and Roberts, 2009). Insectivorous bats are much less well known, with new records for Luzon taken relatively frequently (e.g., Coelops hirsutus and Kerivoula papillosa — Duya et al., 2007; Murina suilla — Heaney et al., 2010; Otomops sp. - Heaney et al., 2005). Further, most studies of bats have been conducted in lowland dipterocarp forest below 800 m, and few records have been available from montane and mossy forest above ca. 800 m, especially for insectivorous bats; it can be expected that surprising discoveries will be made in such highland areas.

The presence of N. plancyi on Luzon represents the first record of a mammal species that occurs both in the main body of the oceanic portions of the Philippines and to the north, on Taiwan and in mainland China. The oceanic Philippines includes most of the islands of the archipelago, which are tectonic/volcanic in origin and have not had dryland connections to Asia or other land areas (Mitchell et al., 1986; Hall, 1998, 2002), and excludes Palawan and small associated islands, which may have been connected to Borneo during portions of the Pleistocene (Bird et al., 2005; Esselstyn et al., 2010; Piper et al., 2011). It is noteworthy that our records of these bats are from high elevations, ca. 1,700-2,300 m, in cool, moist areas with native vegetation composed of mossy forest, where many plants are most closely related to those of the temperate zone (e.g., oaks, laurels, myrtles, and gymnosperms — Rickart *et al.*, 2011b). Other species of bats have conspecifics either to the south (Sulawesi), southwest (Borneo and the Sunda Shelf), or over widespread parts of Indo-Australia (Ingle and Heaney, 1992; Heaney and Roberts, 2009; Heaney et al., 2010). Most non-volant mammals on Luzon are members of old endemic clades that probably entered from the Asian mainland ca. 10-15 million years ago; a few probably entered from the south, but did so several million years ago (e.g., Steppan et al., 2003; Jansa et al., 2006; Esselstyn et al., 2009, 2011). The sole exception is one species of shrew (Crocidura tanakae) that occurs on Taiwan and nearby mainland China and on several small oceanic islands that lie about mid-way between Taiwan and Luzon (Esselstyn and Oliveros, 2010). The morphological and genetic similarity of the Luzon sample of N. plancyi and specimens from mainland China implies that either this species arrived recently on Luzon, or that like its European and some Asian relatives, it is migratory, with individuals moving from Luzon to Taiwan and/or mainland China. Further study is needed to resolve this unique situation among Philippine mammals.

The presence of *F. petersi* at our study areas in the highland Central Cordillera of Luzon is less surprising, given the previous records of the species from Baguio (which is also in the Central Cordillera) and from Mindanao, Borneo, Sulawesi, and the Moluccas (Francis and Hill, 1986), which imply broad distribution over a portion of the Sunda Shelf and Wallacea and, therefore, the ability to cross permanent sea channels. Taken together with the previous record from Baguio, our records imply that this species primarily occurs above 1,500 m, in cool, moist habitats. The specimens from Borneo, like ours, were taken in a house, implying that they may often roost in such places.

These records reinforce the prior perception that the insectivorous bats of the Philippines are still very poorly known, and raise the possibility that highland areas may support additional species that are most closely related to species in temperate continental Asia to the north, rather than on tropical islands to the south. They support the view that some bats (e.g., *Cynopterus brachyotis*, *Macroglossus minimus*, and *Rousettus amplexicaudatus*) have entered the Philippines recently, thus demonstrating their ability to cross permanent salt-water channels, while others that are endemic, and especially those that are members of endemic clades (e.g., *Haplonycteris fischeri* and *Ptenochirus jagori*) have diversified within the archipelago over a period of millions of years. The dynamics of bat species richness in the Philippines is thus complex, including both shallow- and deep-time events (Heaney and Rickart, 1990; Heaney and Roberts, 2009).

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