

Squirrel facts sheet

Squirrels are rodents which have four front teeth which never stop growing. Most squirrels have grey fur. They have large bushy tails.

Squirrels do not hibernate. In the autumn they collect and bury food such as acorns which they find again in winter. Oak trees often grow from acorns that squirrels have buried and forgotten.

Squirrels eat:

acorns, buds, nuts, roots, insects, birds' eggs and chicks



A squirrel's nest is called a drey. It is about the size of a football and is built high in trees. It is made from sticks and inside has dry grass, moss, feathers and shredded tree bark.

Quick Facts

- Squirrels live in woodlands, gardens and parks.
- Squirrels use their sense of smell to find food that they buried.
- An adult squirrel lives alone.
- Baby squirrels are born without fur in spring.
- A squirrel has 2 to 4 babies at a time.
- The only danger to squirrels is traffic on roads.