

Fox Squirrel

Sciurus niger



I FOUND A BABY SQUIRREL ON THE GROUND. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

It's not uncommon for a baby squirrel to fall out of a nest, but squirrel moms are very dedicated and will usually come and carry them back up. The baby will cry for its mom, so give it space and let mom feel safe enough to fetch it. You can place some leaves etc. over it to help hide the baby until mom comes to get it!

HOW ARE FOX SQUIRRELS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER SPECIES?

Fox squirrels are the biggest squirrel species. They look much bulkier than the gray squirrels. Fox squirrels also have a bright rusty orange color while gray squirrels are gray and white. Red squirrels are noticeably smaller than gray and fox squirrels and have small ear tufts.



DO THEY REALLY REMEMBER WHERE THEY BURY NUTS?

Yes (kind of)! They will return to the same landmark (like a big oak tree) and bury their nuts there repeatedly. They may not remember exactly where they buried a nut, but are likely to stumble across one when they search there. They also use their sense of smell to sniff nuts out, even through a layer of snow!

DID YOU KNOW?

Fox Squirrels are the biggest tree squirrel in North America.



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