



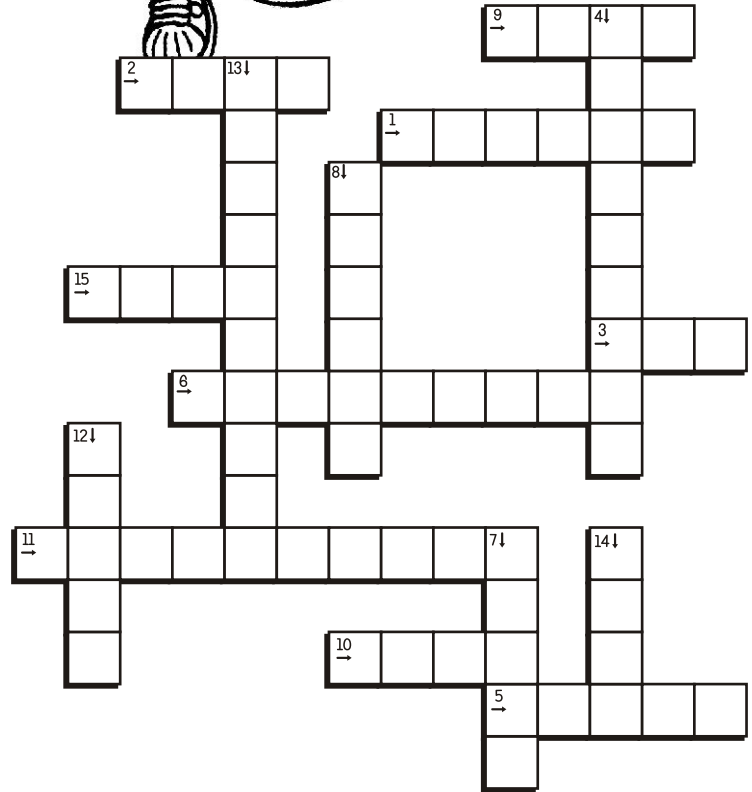
SQUIRRELS

Crossword answers provided at bottom of page.

- 1 → Squirrels are a kind of _____, cousins of mice and rats.
- 2 The Eastern _____ squirrel is the most common tree squirrel. They usually have a white or lighter grey belly, or are completely black.
- 3 The _____ squirrel is smaller and has brownish fur with a white tummy.
- 4 ↓ Squirrels are active during daylight hours and are primarily _____. They eat roots, stems, bark, shoots, leaves, fruits, nuts, seeds, fungi, flower bulbs, and occasionally insects.
- 5 → They have rootless _____ that keep growing and growing, so they have to keep chewing on things to wear them down.
- 6 → Squirrels don't _____ (sleep) during the winter
- 7 ↓ But they will spend a lot of time in their _____ during the winter to keep warm.
- 8 ↓ Red squirrels will stay in their nests for days since they have food _____.
- 9 → Grey squirrels usually leave their nests every day to look for _____.
- 10 → Squirrel babies (called _____) do not come out of the nest until seven or eight weeks.
Hint: same name as baby dogs



Did you know that squirrels are considered to be the biggest trouble makers of all my urban wildlife friends? Well, it's because they are always busy and very curious!



- 11 → If they make a nest in the attic, squirrels will trample or push down the _____, which means you have to pay more for your heating or cooling bill.
- 12 ↓ Squirrels will chew through anything, including wood, wires, insulation, shingles and _____. Hint: the thing on the side or roof of your house that lets air out
- 13 ↓ Their large dry nests and chewing _____ wires make them a health hazard.
- 14 ↓ Damaged electrical wires can cause a _____ in your home.
- 15 → Mother squirrels can get quite mad if their babies are threatened. Watch out, they can be really _____ on their feet!

1. Rodent; 2. Grey; 3. Red; 4. Omnivores; 5. Teeth; 6. Hibernates; 7. Nests; 8. Stored; 9. Food; 10. Pups; 11. Insulation; 12. Vents; 13. Electrical; 14. Fire; 15. Fast



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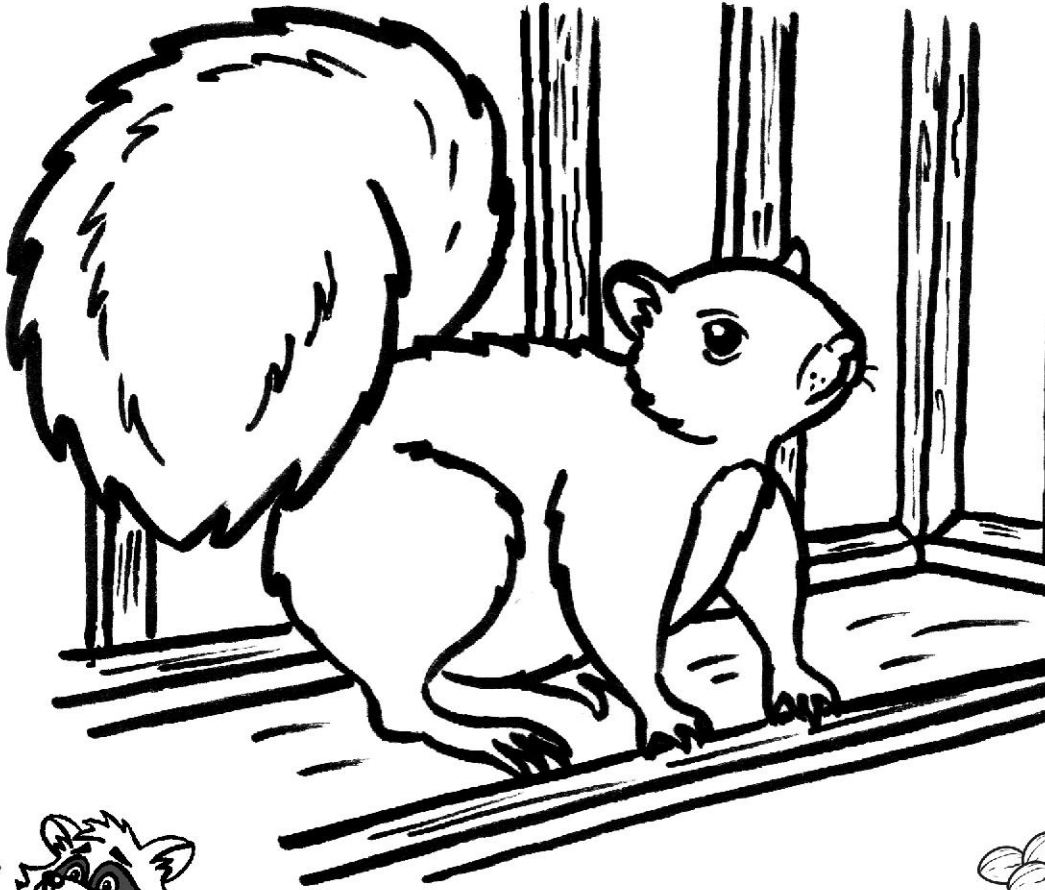
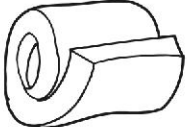
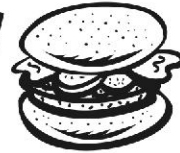
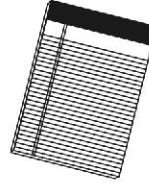
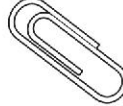
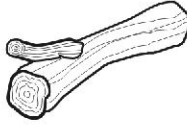
Circle the things a squirrel naturally eats.

In other words, stuff it finds around your home:

- roots
- leaves
- peanut butter
- coconuts
- ice cream
- fruit
- mice
- flower bulbs
- bark
- oranges
- seeds
- insects
- hamburgers
- nuts
- mushrooms

Circle the things a squirrel uses to make a nest.

- sticks
- hot dogs
- paper
- tape
- toasters
- leaves
- pine needles
- cotton swabs
- insulation
- nails
- staples
- paper clips



Did you know that squirrel nests are usually very large compared to their body size? They can extend more than a metre in an attic or vent pipe.