

What to do if you find a SQUIRREL

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Do Any
Of These
Apply?

- Is it covered in fly eggs?
- Has it been in a cat's mouth?
- Is it bleeding, or visibly wounded?
- Is it cold, wet, or crying nonstop?

YES

If these signs are visible then call Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge and immediately bring it in for rehabilitation. No need to give food or water.

NO

Move the squirrel to the base of the tree from which it fell for 2 to 3 hours. The squirrel should be on the ground in a shallow box, no deeper than 4 inches and without anything covering the squirrel. Place in the tree if possible. Ensure the squirrel is visible to the mother and leave the area. If the infant squirrel is still in or under the tree after 3 hours or if there are any signs of predators, flies, or if the squirrel becomes cold bring it inside and contact Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge and speak to a wildlife rehabilitator.

Rehabilitation

Place the animal in a box in a warm, quiet place and reduce handling as much as possible. Do not offer any food or water. Then call our wildlife hospital at 856-983-3329 x.107.

Behaviour

During spring, summer, and autumn eastern grey squirrels have their peak activity times about 2 hours after sunrise and 2 to 5 hours before sunset. This allows them to avoid the heat of the day. During the winter, they are diurnal with an activity peak just 2-4 hours before sunset. Generally, females are more active in the summer months and males are more active in the winter months. Female squirrels generally produce two litters which are born each year in late winter and mid-summer with generally 2-4 per litter.

Appearance

Eastern grey squirrels are medium sized tree squirrels. Males and females are similar in size and color. The fur on their back ranges from grizzled dark grey to pale grey and may have red tones.

Their ears are pale grey to white. Their tail is white to pale grey. The underparts are grey to white. The total length of the squirrel ranges from 14 to 20 inches with the tail length ranging anywhere from 5-9 inches.



Front and Rear Paws

Adult Size



15.5 to 18.75 inches