Grey Squirrel

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LOOK 🦦
Grey Squirrels are very active rodents that you'll see wherever nut-bearing trees grow, like oaks, beeches, or hickories.

Sneaky Squirrels
Some squirrels will make a hole and cover it to deceive other squirrels or birds who might try to steal their food.

What’s on the menu?
Squirrels are omnivores, which means they eat both plants and meat. Mature squirrels can eat as much as two pounds of nuts weekly. Twenty-five percent of the buried nuts will be left behind and may grow into trees!

LISTEN 🎧
Chirping is just one way squirrels communicate. Other sounds include squeaking, chattering, or barking. The squirrel’s noise depends on what it is reacting to.

Did you know?
Squirrels are acrobats. They can jump six feet in the air and leap ten feet or more, and when squirrels feel threatened, they run in a zig-zag pattern.

TRY IT
Go on a squirrel-themed scavenger hunt. Look for large leaf-and-twig nests or dreys in trees. Collect acorns on the ground and look for teeth marks. Count how many squirrels are playing in the tree tops. Be creative and have fun!

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