

A Bit About Squirrels

Fill in the blanks using the words listed below.

Squirrels are small [1]_____. Rodents are [2]_____ that have two teeth, incisors, on both the bottom and top jaw that continuously grow. Rodents must constantly [3]_____ to keep the incisors short.

Squirrels are members of the [4]_____ family, which means "shade-tail." Squirrels use their bushy tails to help maintain their [5]_____, to keep warm in cold climates, and to communicate with other squirrels.

Tree squirrels are [6]_____ members of the Sciuridae family. Ground squirrels are also members of the Sciuridae family. Unlike the ground squirrel, trees squirrels do not spread diseases to humans.

Squirrels are [7]_____. While they prefer to eat nuts, seeds, tubers, cones, and other vegetation, they will also eat insects and worms.

Squirrels are altricial animals and are [8]_____ and helpless at birth. They live with their mother, who cares for them in a nest called a [9]_____ until they are about three or four months old. After they are weaned from mother, they live alone. Squirrels are generally [10]_____ and for the most part, live peacefully beside other squirrels and humans.

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nonaggressive

rodents
balance
gnaw

ominivores
Sciuridae

blind
mammals



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Squirrels are small [1]rodents. Rodents are [2]mammals that have two teeth, incisors, on both the bottom and top jaw that continuously grow. Rodents must constantly [3]gnaw to keep the incisors short.

Squirrels are members of the [4]Sciuridae family, which means "shade-tail." Squirrels use their bushy tails to help maintain their [5]balance, to keep warm in cold climates, and to communicate with other squirrels.

Tree squirrels are [6]arboreal members of the Sciuridae family. Ground squirrels are also members of the Sciuridae family. Unlike the ground squirrel, trees squirrels do not spread diseases to humans.

Squirrels are [7]omnivores. While they prefer to eat nuts, seeds, tubers, cones, and other vegetation, they will also eat insects and worms.

Squirrels are altricial animals and are [8]blind and helpless at birth. They live with their mother, who cares for them in a nest called a [9]drey until they are about three or four months old. After they are weaned from mother, they live alone. Squirrels are generally [10]nonaggressive and for the most part, live peacefully beside other squirrels and humans.

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