

Animal Fact Sheet

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Eastern Gray Squirrel

Sciurus carolinensis

The Eastern Gray Squirrel is a medium-sized tree squirrel native to the eastern and midwestern United States, as well as parts of Canada. Recognizable by its predominantly gray fur, bushy tail, and w...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Sciuridae

Habitat: Deciduous and mixed forests, urban parks, and suburban areas

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 6-12 years in the wild

Weight: 400–700 grams

Scientific name: *Sciurus carolinensis*

Did you know?

- Eastern Gray Squirrels sometimes practice 'deceptive caching,' pretending to bury food to throw off potential thieves.
- Eastern Gray Squirrels are masters at hiding food and can remember thousands of cache locations. They have a remarkable ability to descend trees head...

What I learned
