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# Eastern Gray Squirrel

*Sciurus carolinensis*

Sciurus carolinensis is a North American tree squirrel that has become one of the most instructive invasive mammals in Europe. Introduced to Britain and Ireland in the nineteenth century, it has driv…

## 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.
- Grey squirrels strip bark from young trees in early summer to reach the sugary layer beneath, and the resulting damage to broadleaf plantations is wh…

## What I learned

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