

# Squirrels - The Furry Facts



- 🐿️ Squirrels use their tails to keep them warm, but also to balance when running along tree branches.
- 🐿️ Unlike humans, squirrels have four fingers on each hand, and five toes on their feet.
- 🐿️ Squirrels make their nest high up in a tree, from twigs, leaves and moss. Their nest is called a drey.
- 🐿️ Squirrels shed their coats twice a year, once after winter time, and again in late summer before it gets cold again.
- 🐿️ Squirrels like to eat fruit, nuts, seeds, berries, flowers and shoots. Sometimes they store their food underground until they need it in winter time.
- 🐿️ Red and grey squirrels can be told apart by looking at their hair under a microscope.
- 🐿️ Baby squirrels are called kittens.
- 🐿️ There are two types of squirrel in the UK, red squirrels, and grey squirrels. The grey squirrels can give the reds a nasty disease called Squirrelepox.

**Can you answer our Squirrel Quiz on the back?**



# Squirrel Quiz



1. What do you call a squirrel's nest?
  - a. A bed
  - b. A den
  - c. A drey
2. What do squirrels hide underground for winter time?
  - a. Toys
  - b. Food
  - c. Money
3. What is the disease called that affects red squirrels?
  - a. Squirrel Flu
  - b. Squirrel Snot
  - c. Squirrelpox
4. Where are you most likely to find squirrels?
  - a. At the beach
  - b. In forests
  - c. On mountains
5. What do squirrels use to keep them warm?
  - a. Their tails
  - b. Hats and scarves
  - c. A blanket
6. What would squirrels most enjoy eating?
  - a. Nuts
  - b. Grass
  - c. Insects
7. How can you tell the real difference between a red and grey squirrel?
  - a. They make different noises
  - b. They smell different
  - c. By looking at their hair under a microscope

**Now check your answers over the page**