

## Interesting Facts

- Squirrels birth litters of 3-4 kits (or kittens). They are born blind and rely on their mothers for 2-3 months.
- They can eat their weight in seed during one week.
- A Squirrel's front teeth grow 6 inches per year and wear down by eating and gnawing.
- They can jump up to 8 feet straight across — or 6 feet when performing acrobatics.
- Squirrels can run as fast as 20 miles per hour.



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## The More You Know

In the summer, Squirrels are most active 2-3 hours after sunrise. They will rest in the afternoon and resume activity again 2 hours before sunset. A Squirrel will retire to its nest well before dark and rarely leaves the nest in the dark.

In the winter, Squirrels will complete their activities between dawn and midday and remain around the nest until the next day.



## Want To Know More?

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Tips for Attracting  
**Squirrels**

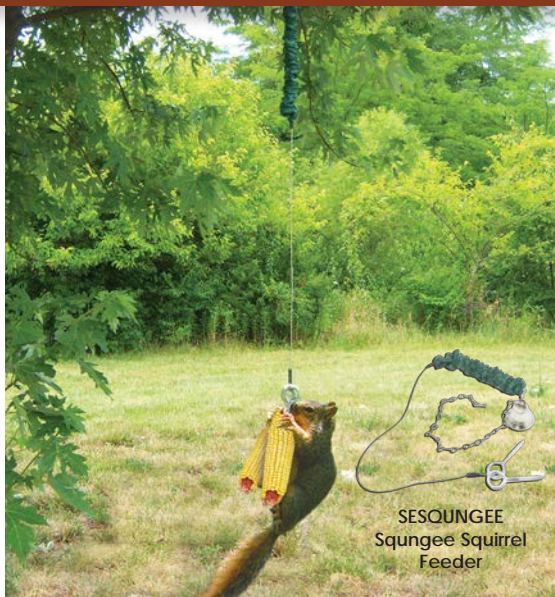


# About Squirrels

There are over 365 species of Squirrels in seven families. They include the Tree Squirrel, Ground Squirrel, and the Flying Squirrel. They also include many Squirrel-like mammals, such as the Gopher, Ground Hog, and Prairie Dog. It is the largest group of living mammals on Earth!

Across the United States, the Squirrels that most often frequent backyards include Gray, Brown, Fox, and Red Squirrels.

An adult Squirrel normally lives alone. Though, in severe cold weather, it will share its nest to conserve body heat.



## Food & Feeders

Squirrels are very active creatures! They can jump amazing distances, and they perform breathtaking acrobatics while doing so. Providing feeders made just for them not only reduces their urge to use your bird feeders, it also brings the "Squirrel circus" to the backyard for your entertainment.

In it for the fun? Use a chain to dangle ears of corn from a tree and watch the Squirrels swing around while eating. Better yet, include a bungee spring - covered with cloth to protect their feet. We call it a Squirrel Squeegie Feeder, and it is the top selling Squirrel feeder in America. Squirrels love it, and so will you!

Peanut wreaths are a popular favorite of Squirrels. These wire hoops are designed to hold whole peanuts. Hang them from a tree and watch Squirrels grab enough for now and to snack on later.



## Food & Feeders Cont'd

If you like to watch your backyard guests snack but are concerned about Jays or other large birds skimming their tasty treats, consider an enclosed feeder. Using a jar or a plexi-glass barrier to contain the food keeps the unwanted guests out while allowing the cunning Squirrels to feast. Try our Songbird Essentials SETC119 Squirrel Cafe or SESC412 Squirrel Jar Feeder. You and the Squirrels will love them!



Natural foragers, Squirrels eat an assortment of nuts and even some grasses. In the winter, they rely on their sense of smell to locate food. Help them out by offering a seed mix containing any or all of their favorites: corn, black oil sunflower, peanuts, gray striped sunflower, and pumpkin seeds. Try Songbird Essentials Squirrel Referral - Your Squirrels will go nuts over it!

