

Red & Grey Squirrel Recording Cards

Red Squirrel (Native Species)



Grey Squirrel (Non Native Invasive)



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Red and Grey squirrels belong to a large group of animals called rodents.

Red squirrels

- About:** Red squirrels are native to Ireland although nearly hunted to extinction in the 1700s when some were reintroduced from G.B. to boost the population here.
- Size:** Between 18 and 27 cm long with a bushy tail of 20 cm.
- Description:** The red squirrel is a smaller and more delicate animal than the grey squirrel and is shy, generally staying high up in the trees. They are red in colour with a pale belly. The tail can often be darker than the rest of its coat. In autumn, the ears grow long tufts which are at their finest in mid-winter, but by summer the tufts will have disappeared.

Grey squirrels

- About:** Grey squirrels are an alien species and were introduced to the UK from the USA in the late nineteenth/early twentieth century. Their success has been to the detriment of our native red squirrels.
- Size:** Between 23 and 30cm long and has a tail length of 19-25cm.
- Description:** No prominent ear tufts. The underside is white or pale grey and sides, limbs and paws are often reddish brown.



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*Enjoy recording whilst taking care to avoid disturbance to wildlife.
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