



Squirrel identification

Although it is a very good indication, Colour can not always be relied upon to identify red and grey squirrels. There can be a lot of colour variation in their coats, and grey squirrels in particular can develop very red patches.



Red squirrel (left): the red squirrel can be identified by its distinctive ear tufts, which are visible for most of the year. Also watch out for its rounded stance, and relatively uniform tail colour (no border).

Grey squirrel (right): grey squirrels never have ear tufts; instead they have small rounded ears. Grey squirrels can be easily identified by the distinctive white band around the edges of their tail. Grey squirrels are much larger than reds (around twice the weight), and have a more pointed face.



Squirrel 'dreys'

Squirrels live in a rounded ball of inter-woven twigs called a drey. A squirrel's drey is a similar size to a football, and is usually located in the fork of a tree branch up against the trunk, around two-thirds of the way up the tree.

