

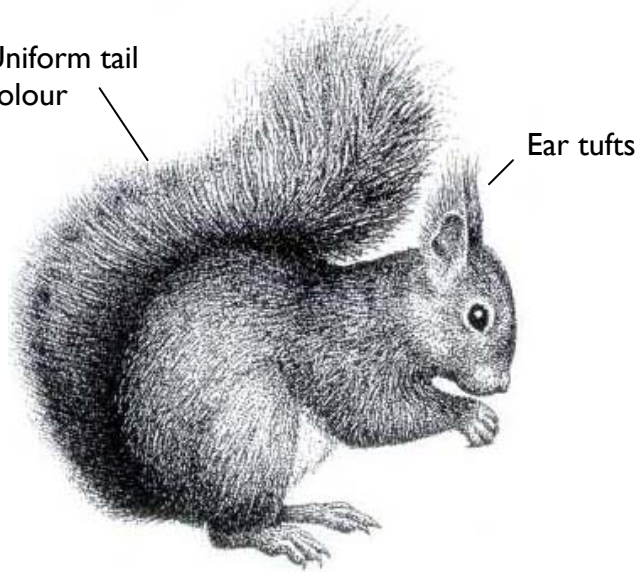


SAVE OUR SQUIRRELS

A RED ALERT NORTH ENGLAND PROJECT
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Uniform tail colour



Ear tufts

Identifying and Recording Squirrels

Red Squirrel

Key Features: Ear tufts on adults. Bushy tail all one colour.

Colour: Usually reddish-brown with a pale bib. Can be variable, appearing dark (sometimes almost black), or very light due to bleaching by the summer sun when they can appear blonde or greyish.

Size: 18 – 22 cm body length. Slender build. Weighs around 275 - 350g.

Behaviour: Spends most of its time in trees. Quite timid, rarely seen far from tree cover.

White 'halo'
around tail edge



Grey Squirrel

Key Features: Tail has white edge like a 'halo'. No ear tufts.

Colour: Predominantly grey. Very often tinged orange/red/brown along the body (particularly the back), tail, and on the face.

Size: 25 – 27 cm body length. Stocky build. Weighs around 400 - 600g.

Behaviour: Quite bold and tenacious, frequently seen on the ground as well as in trees. Can be seen a distance from tree cover, in open ground. Feeds predominantly on ground.

DRIVING FORWARD RED SQUIRREL CONSERVATION IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

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Red Squirrel Monitoring Form

Save our Squirrels Project is monitoring the distribution of squirrels in the North of England. This information also allows vital scientific research. You can help us with this by recording all the squirrels that you see and returning the form to the address below. Please can we have your name, address, telephone number, and email address (if you have one) in case we need to contact you again. ***If you see a grey squirrel please report it to us immediately.***

Sightings can be reported by; phone: 0845 3479375 email: christine.westerback@northwt.org.uk Website: www.saveoursquirrels.org.uk

Name: Address:

Telephone No: Email:

Date	Red / Grey	Grid Reference	Postcode	Location Description	Habitat Code	Number Seen	Dead or Alive	Cause of Death	Comments

Habitat code: Broadleaf Wood **A11**, Conifer Wood **A12**, Mixed Wood **A13**, Scrub **A2**, Parkland **A3**, Arable Land **J11**, Amenity Grassland **J12**, Hedgerow **J21**, Garden **J3**, Road **K11**, Other (State)

Please fill in as many of the columns as you can, and return to:

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