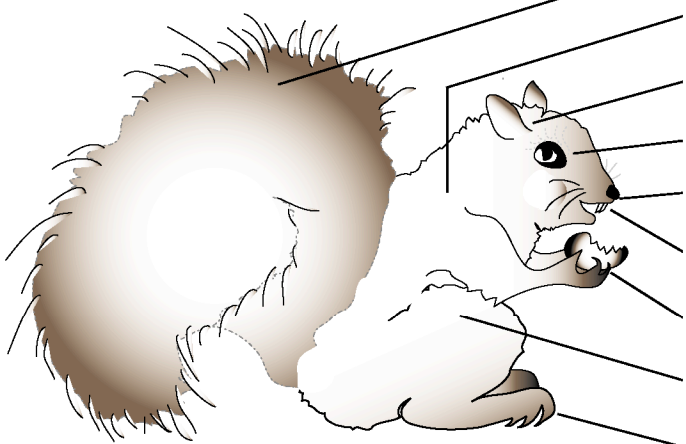


# The Squirrel Family

## SUB-FAMILIES

- Tree Squirrels
- Ground Squirrels
- Chipmunks
- Flying Squirrels
- Marmots

### Body Feature — Match the Survival Skill!



Long bushy tail	Stay warm
Thick fur	Balance while running
Big ears	Smell food and danger
Big eyes	Open hard nuts
Sensitive whiskers and nose	Climb trees safely
Long, sharp teeth	Jump long distances
Sharp claws & flexible forefeet	Dig holes to store food
Strong back legs	See danger quickly
Sharp claws	Hear danger coming

## SCIENTIFIC FAMILY TREE

There are over 365 species of squirrels or squirrel-like mammals throughout the world. The three most common squirrel sub-families are the Ground Squirrel, the Flying Squirrel and the Tree Squirrel. The Gray Squirrel is probably the most common of the Tree Squirrels.

<i>kingdom</i>	<i>Animalia</i>
<i>phylum</i>	<i>Chordata</i>
<i>subphylum</i>	<i>Vertebrata</i>
<i>class</i>	<i>Mammalia</i>
<i>order</i>	<i>Rodentia</i>
<i>family</i>	<i>Sciuridae</i>
<i>species</i>	_____

### Sciuridae species found in North America

East of the Rockies: 11

West of the Rockies: 65

**NOTE: Find a list at...**

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## HOW SQUIRRELS COMMUNICATE...

**visual**



**tactile**



**acoustic**



**chemical**

