



COMMAND PEST CONTROL

Information sheet number 6 - The Grey Squirrel



Appearance:

Grey to grey / rust colour with a distinctive bushy tail and white underbelly

Breeding:

Two breeding seasons June-August and January to March
3-4 young produced after a 6 weeks pregnancy.

Food:

They can damage foodstuffs and the building fabric
Squirrels eat a wide range of items from nuts, fruit buds and shoots to fungi, birds - eggs and nestlings. In suburban gardens most of their diet comes from food put out for birds or deliberately put out for squirrels. Surplus food is often buried and later retrieved by the squirrels.

Where do Grey squirrels live?

They have a territory 2km square and grey squirrels are active during daytime and are easily seen and identified. Nests are called dreys are usually in trees but sometimes in lofts often amongst insulation.

Diseases:

There is no disease that carried by squirrels that affect man, however they sometimes bite humans and will attack us if standing under trees.

Damage:

They can gnaw cables, wiring and fascia boards in buildings. Will cause noise when in situ. They will strip tree bark to lick sap this causes much damage to saplings

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