



## EASTERN GREY SQUIRREL

### KEY FACTS:

- Squirrels can breed twice between February and September. Gestation- about 45 days
- At birth they are hairless, pink and have their eyes and ears closed
- At 1 week- they start to make sounds, their coat looks like fuzz, ears begin to separate from the head and whiskers are apparent.
- At 2 weeks- they have some fur, their ears are open, but their eyes are still closed. Upper and lower teeth begin to form.
- At 3 weeks- their eyes start to open, and the fur starts to look smoother. The lower incisors start to erupt.
- At 4 weeks- their eyes and ears are open, and they are learning to stand.
- Squirrels are on their own at 14 weeks.



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### NESTS

Nests are found in trees. These can be disrupted in spring by tree trimming and cutting, and strong storms.

### IF BABY SQUIRRELS ARE FOUND ON THE GROUND

Infant squirrels can fall from the nest. If uninjured, try to reunite them with their mothers.

Mothers will come back and take them or will move them if the nest is destroyed.

Place a basket either on the ground or securely in the tree. Place a heat source in the container- a sock with rice heated in a microwave or a hot water bottle.



If the mother does not come back for the baby:

Call a licensed rehabber in your area, do not feed it anything. Place it in a box with a towel, heat source, and keep it in a quiet dark place

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