



EASTERN FOX SQUIRREL

Sciurus niger



The eastern fox squirrel is the largest tree-dwelling squirrel in the eastern United States. It prefers deciduous forests and parks for its habitat. This species is often seen in towns and neighborhoods, and it frequents bird feeders. It uses tree hollows as nests for rearing young and wintering. This squirrel's diet is quite varied, including items such as berries and caterpillars.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

Eastern fox squirrels average about 10 to 15 inches in length.

WEIGHT

Adult eastern fox squirrels typically weigh between one and two pounds.

FOOD HABITS

Eastern fox squirrels eat a variety of foods including nuts, bird seed, insects, and bird eggs.

HABITAT

Eastern fox squirrels are found in a variety of habitats from forests to urban neighborhoods and parks.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The eastern fox squirrels is found throughout most of the eastern half of the United States and into some regions of Canada.

FUN FACT

The eastern fox squirrel can fall up to 100 feet to the ground without being hurt.