



Project Squirrel



A grey squirrel in Lincoln Park, Chicago



A fox squirrel in Brookfield, Illinois

Have you ever seen a squirrel in your neighborhood? Squirrels are some of the most commonly spotted animals in American suburban neighborhoods. You can be a scientist in your very own neighborhood by observing these furry friends.

Join Project Squirrel, where young scientists record their observations on these neighborhood creatures. All you have to do is fill out a form from a website when you see a squirrel! First, find a squirrel. Then, go to <https://projectsquirrel.org/>. Click on the link that says "Become a Citizen Scientist. Click here to record your squirrel observations." Fill out as much information about the squirrel as you can, then press "Done." You've just contributed to a citizen science project!

Through the Project Squirrel website, you can learn more about the difference between the common fox and gray squirrels. You can also explore fun squirrel facts, such as how gray squirrels are more commonly found in crowded areas and fox squirrels in areas that have plenty of cats. This citizen science project was created in 1997 by Wendy

Jackson and Joel Brown and has thousands of observers who contribute to it. Make it a goal for you and your friends to make at least four squirrel submissions this year!