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Squirrels

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Fall is a busy time for squirrels. In most parts of the US, you'll see them everywhere -- walking on wires, searching for food, and driving dogs crazy. How long do they live? Is a squirrel a rodent? How do they stay warm in the winter? Lets learn more.

1. How long do squirrels live? Compared to a dog or a cat, not that long -- on average about one to two years. Some free roaming grey squirrels have actually surpassed 10 years in age, and one squirrel lived in captivity for 20 years. Learn more at bitly.com/2y0g3GV

2. Which is faster, an elephant or a squirrel? According to bitly.com/2yWeBmD squirrels run about 12 miles per hour. An elephant's top speed is 25 miles per hour. The elephant wins this race, but elephants can't climb trees.

3. How far can a squirrel jump... and fall? Squirrels are amazing jumpers... up to 10 feet straight up. See for yourself at <https://youtu.be/j7-TtjltFWo>. They can also survive falls of up to 40 feet by using their tail as a parachute. Learn more at <http://bitly.com/2youlSu>.

4. Where do squirrels go in the winter? They don't hibernate, but they do sleep a lot... wrapped in their warm fuzzy tail. They might make a nest inside a hollow tree, or perhaps your attic. Read more at the Lincoln Park Zoo site <http://www.lpzoo.org/blog/what-do-squirrels-do-winter>.

5. Is a squirrel a rodent? You'll find a good discussion about this questions at Mental Floss bitly.com/2xRabQq. Squirrels are rodents belonging to the family Sciuridae. This is a large family of species that include chipmunks, prairie dogs, groundhogs (also called woodchucks), marmots, and flying squirrels.



APPLICATION

Set up a Squirrel obstical course in your backyard. We found guidebook (by Darrington, Gardner, Sims and Spivey) that provides step by step plans for making a cours that can keep a squirrel busy -- and you entertained. bitly.com/2xYSRbB.



Diagram 3



Squirrels on YouTube

Want more? Here's a video playlist that go along with this column <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcBVHzUUEKwnYjdV4Aj1wweYa4ADu6Ptc>

