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Characteristics

The grey squirrel was introduced to the UK from the USA between 1876 and 1929 and is now commonly found.

Although known as the grey squirrel, in summer the coat may become brown. It is however easily distinguishable from the red squirrel by the lack of large ear tufts.

Where to find grey squirrels

Whilst in their natural outdoor habitat, they are perceived by most as an attractive wild animal. Tolerance levels dramatically change however once they take up residence within domestic properties. It is at this stage that the grey squirrel is considered to be a pest species.

Problems caused by grey squirrels

Once in roof spaces the grey squirrel can and often does cause damage to roof timbers, electrical wiring and plumbing through its gnawing activities. It can also cause quite a lot of noise disturbance to occupiers.

The grey squirrel's diet is extensive. They will eat acorns, tree shoots, flowers, nuts, fruit, roots and cereals. They will strip bark to get to sappy tissues underneath, causing considerable damage to trees.



Life Cycle

The average life span of the grey squirrel is 2 years and they are sexually mature at between 10 and 12 months. In optimum conditions, during the course of one year, a female will produce 3 or 4 litters containing 1 to 8 young.

Control

To prevent infestations, ensure buildings are in good repair, for example sealing up gaps around pipes going through walls, and repairing broken airbricks. Defective drainage should be quickly repaired, manholes should not be left uncovered for long periods of time. Avoid leaving excessive food out for birds and where possible use a secure birdfeeder. Compost heaps are a ready source of food, so make sure that these are controlled. Make sure waste is stored and disposed of properly. Avoid accumulations of rubbish, overgrown area and piles of timber, and clear areas that may offer shelter or nesting materials.

Services we Provide:

- If grey squirrels have entered your premises we can remove them by trapping
- We can proof your premises to prevent further access

We provide a pest control service for the treatment of grey squirrels within buildings. Please contact us for further information on treatments and current charges.



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