

Gray Squirrel

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is an example of how I might complete this assignment. The answers below are my guesses and might very well be quite inaccurate!

Approximate hip to shoulder length: 7"

Full length including head and tail: 12-14"

Approximate size of their tracks: 1- 1.5"

Habitats where they are most likely to be found: Everywhere! Hardwood forests and edges, neighborhoods, on the ground in leaves or grass, on my birdfeeder

Diet and description of scat: Mostly herbivorous: nuts, seeds, fruits. Maybe also grubs and insects? Small, brown, football shaped I think? 1/4" long? Usually single. Fairly solid and dry (at least by the time I find them on my deck railing). Do they latrine? I think so.

Any other distinctive sign likely to be encountered: messy nests of leaves called "drays", chew marks on nuts and deer antlers, small messy middens, "squirrel stripe" scent marking and communication sign on large trees, often on underside of a bend in bark