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Squirrels in the School by Ben M. Baglio

There are three kinds of squirrels – flying, ground, and tree. Flying squirrels do not fly but glide. They have a fold of skin under their arms that looks like a wing. Ground squirrels are different from tree squirrels because they run into their burrows, formed in the ground, when startled, while tree squirrels run up trees as their name implies. The grey squirrel and red squirrel are considered tree squirrels. They spend most of their days climbing up and down trees.



A squirrel’s tail can be used:

- As a parachute when falling
- For balance when climbing
- Like a rudder when swimming
- For a blanket when cold

Name other animal habits and traits. List four more animals in each group. An animal can be listed in more than one category.

(25 value points for each group.)

Fur to keep warm

_____ cat _____

Tail for swimming

_____ beaver _____

Wings for flying

_____ heron _____

Tail for balance

_____ monkey _____
