

THE SQUIRREL.

This pretty little animal is a squirrel. The squirrel has a soft coat of reddish-brown fur. Its ears are long and pointed. Its eyes are very bright. Its teeth are sharp and strong; and it has whiskers like the cat. Its hind legs are much longer than its fore legs. It easily climbs up the stems of trees, and springs lightly from branch to branch.



Its bushy tail is longer than its body, and it is often carried curled over the squirrel's back. Its claws are sharp and strong. They are of great use in climbing trees. The squirrel makes its nest of twigs and moss and leaves, high up among the branches of a tree. It eats nuts, berries, and acorns. It holds its food with its fore paws while eating it. It lays up a store of food for winter use.

