

Prevost's Squirrel

Callosciurus prevostii



Class: *Mammalia*

Order: *Rodentia*

Family: *Sciuridae*

Characteristics:

Prevost squirrels (aka tricolor squirrel) have a rust brown color from close to the bottom of their mouth across their forearms to their under carriage and lower back legs. Their tail, back and crown of their head and muzzle is black. Dividing the rust and black color is a single white/gray line that goes from its black nose to the upper part of the hind leg.

Behavior:

These squirrels are diurnal, meaning they prefer the daytime and are most active at dusk and dawn. They are solitary animals with occasional communications with one another. They often nest in tree cavities or among leaves ([ADW](#)). They will often cache their food for later consumption ([Becker et al 1985](#)).

Reproduction:

At age one, they become sexually mature. Breeding occurs year-round but will breed more frequently depending on the amount of rain received. After a 40-day gestation period, the female will give birth to one to four young (average litter size of 1.8). ([Walker 1999](#)).

Diet:

Wild: They primarily feed on seeds and fruits, but will also eat insects.
Zoo: Apples, Carrots, rodent chow, grapes, peanuts, bananas and chopped green.

Conservation:

There is a suspected decline in their population size due to deforestation.

FYI:

- They are important to the dispersal of seeds since they are known to cache or drop seeds away from the parent tree ([Becker et al 1985](#)).



Range & Habitat: Forests



Lifespan: up to 21.1 years in captivity, unknown years in the wild.

Special Adaptations:
-Arboreal
-Reproduce more than once a year

IUCN Conservation Status:
Least Concern

