



How Good is this Area for Red Squirrels?



Prediction: This area is good for red squirrels.

Red squirrels can live in places where:-

- There is woodland or forest
- There is a lot of natural food
- There are suitable places for them to make their dreys (nests)
- Grey squirrels are not a problem

Today we will look for evidence of red squirrels and the things they need to survive.

	Evidence	Numbers or Notes
1	Evidence for presence of red squirrels:	
	Number of red squirrels seen	
	Number of dreys seen	
	Number of squirreled Pine Cones	
2.	Squirrel food seen:	
	Number of Conifer Tree Species	
	Number of Broadleaf Tree Species that are good or neutral for red squirrels	
	Number of Broadleaf Tree Species that are will advantage greys if they are present.	
	Number of other plant species with berries	
	Mushrooms/Fungi (Number of species)	
	Invertebrates (Number of Species)	
3.	Evidence of humans having an impact on red squirrels (is it positive or negative)	
5.	Number of grey Squirrels seen or evidence of grey squirrels	

Is the prediction true or false: _____



What is your evidence to back this statement? _____

What could be done to make this area even better for red squirrels? Who would need to do this?

Action to help red squirrels	Who Will Do It

Table of Tree Species & How Good they are For Red Squirrels.

Conifer Trees and Other Shrubs <i>'Red Squirrel Friendly' trees – good for red squirrels, even when grey squirrels are present</i>		Small Seeded Deciduous Trees <i>'Squirrel Neutral' trees good for improving overall habitat without detriment to the red squirrel</i>		Large Seeded Deciduous Trees <i>'Red Squirrel Negative' trees – good for reds but only when greys are totally absent</i>
Blackthorn	Yew	Alder	Western Hemlock	Beech
Hawthorn	Corsican pine	Ash	Whitebeam	Hazel
Blackberry	Douglas Fir	Aspen	Willows	Horse Chestnut
Raspberry	Larches	Birches	Wych Elm	Oaks
Damson	Lodgepole Pine	Black poplar		Sweet Chestnut
Crab apple	Scots pine	Box		Walnut
Dog Rose	Sitka Spruce	Cypress		Sycamore
Guelder Rose	Norway Spruce	Field Maple		
Holly	Western Red Cedar	Juniper		
Bird Cherry	Other conifers	Limes		
Wild Cherry		Rowan		