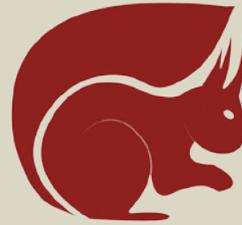




- They can swim
- They can be right or left handed when eating pine cones
- They have four fingers and five toes
- Baby squirrels are called kittens
- They store their nuts in the ground



HOW TO CONTACT US



Westmorland Red Squirrels

**You can report sightings of
red or grey squirrels:**

Through our website
[www.westmorlandredsquirrels.org.uk/
sightings](http://www.westmorlandredsquirrels.org.uk/sightings)

By letting the
Grizedale Visitor Centre staff know
and they will pass on the information to us

By emailing
**sightings@
westmorlandredsquirrels.org.uk**

Calling **015394 821714**

Rusland's Reds is an initiative of
Westmorland Red Squirrels
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Quiz answers: A, A, C, A, B, C

RUSLAND'S RED SQUIRRELS



Red Squirrel sightings in the Rusland valley, around Grizedale and on the Graythwaite Estate are increasing. Please take this leaflet for information about these amazing protected creatures, where to look for them, and what to do if you spot one!



IMPACT OF **GREY SQUIRRELS** ON **RED SQUIRRELS**



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- The grey squirrel is larger (an adult grey is about a third larger than an adult red), heavier, more aggressive and predatory in looking for food and shelter and can force the reds to retreat to conifer plantations
- Greys can eat a much wider variety of food than reds
- Greys eat seven times more than reds and will out-compete reds in their pursuit of food
- Over 60 per cent of greys in England and Wales are estimated to carry the squirrel pox virus which is deadly to Reds. Squirrel pox virus was first recorded in Cumbria in Spring 1998



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RUSLAND'S RED SQUIRRELS

Please report your squirrel sightings using the contact details overleaf. Red squirrels are difficult to spot and we need you to let us know if you see one. Knowing where they are helps us to protect them. Our red squirrel records and maps show the world that we have red squirrels and, with our help in controlling grey squirrels, the progress they're making to re-claim their old territories.

Recently we have had several red squirrel sightings around the Rusland valley, on the Graythwaite Estate and in the Grizedale area, so keep your eyes peeled!



QUICK SQUIRREL QUIZ (answers overleaf)

Question 1

What order of mammals does the squirrel belong to?

- A: Rodentia
- B: Squirreloria
- C: Tree Rattus

Question 2

How many species of squirrels are there globally?

- A: More than 250
- B: More than 500
- C: More than 750

Question 3

What's the average size of a squirrel's brain?

- A: Size of a pea
- B: Size of a cricket ball
- C: Size of a walnut

Question 4

How do squirrels find their buried nuts again?

- A: They sniff them out
- B: They signpost them
- C: They guess where they are

Question 5

What is a squirrel nest called?

- A: Burrow
- B: Drey
- C: Sett

Question 6

Who is one of the most famous squirrels in the Lake District?

- A: Squirrel Peter
- B: Squirrel Gemima
- C: Squirrel Nutkin