

Sik-Sik's Summer

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A Tale of Two Squirrels

Arctic ground squirrels and tree squirrels might be part of the same animal family, but they are two different species. Draw lines to match the facts below to the correct squirrel.



- Tree Squirrel
- Longer, bushier tale
- Live in underground burrows
- Climb the nearest tree when scared
- Stand up on their back legs
- Shorter legs
- Stand on four legs, sit on back legs
- Shorter, less bushy tale
- Ground Squirrel
- Do not hibernate during winter
- Longer legs
- Run inside burrow when scared
- Live in trees
- Hibernate all winter

Here are some of the ways ground squirrels and tree squirrels are alike:

- Both are omnivores – they eat plants and meat.
- They have almond shaped eyes on the side of their heads, small ears, short fur and short necks.
- They are diurnal – they sleep at night and are active during the day. For Arctic ground squirrels this is only the case during summer when they aren't hibernating.

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