

I think I found an orphaned squirrel – what do I do?



Did you know?

- Squirrels have litters of up to 5 babies!
- If you find one alone, there's a good chance the mother is in the process of moving the babies, one by one, to a new nest site.
 - An unattended nest could also mean mum is out foraging for food.
 - Unless the mother has been killed, or trapped and relocated, she will look for her babies.

Don't become an accidental kidnapper!

Mothers will not reject their young if there is human scent on them. If you pick up a baby squirrel and don't think they are orphaned – don't worry! Just put them back.

Myth Busting

All too often squirrels and other wildlife species are made to be orphaned, when in fact their mother is still around

If you come across baby squirrels who you think need help, look for the following signs:

- Has a visible injury or wound.
- Has a lot of fleas, bugs, or fly eggs or larvae on them.
- Has been caught by a cat, even if they appear not to be injured! Cats have bacteria in their saliva which will cause infection and illness, and if left untreated the animal will die.

You can help!

Have questions concerning injured or orphaned wildlife?
Call our **Wildlife Hotline:**
403-946-2361.