

HELP FOR BABY SQUIRRELS

We have three types of squirrels in our area: Gray Squirrels, Fox Squirrels, and the nocturnal Southern Flying Squirrels. If you find an infant squirrel that has fallen from its nest and is not injured:

- Watch and see if the mother comes, remaining indoors where your presence will not frighten her. Remember that mother squirrels do not voluntarily abandon their babies. It is fine if the baby vocalizes and cries out; this will help the mother locate it.
- If the mother doesn't return for her baby within 2 hours, or before it gets dark, place it in a box lined with soft rags and keep it in a warm, dark, quiet place. If you have a heating pad, turn it on LOW and place HALF the box on top of it.
- Only if you must keep the orphan overnight should you attempt to give it anything by mouth. Keeping it warm is the most important thing
- DO NOT GIVE IT ANY TYPE OF FORMULA OR MILK. Baby squirrels require a specialized diet and can develop fatal problems from being fed an incorrect formula
- If the baby's eyes are closed, do not try to re-hydrate it. Please get it to a licensed rehabilitator as soon as possible.
- If the squirrel's eyes are open, you may put some unsalted nuts and a couple slices of red apple in the box and get the baby to a licensed rehabilitator.