

SQUIRREL BEHAVIOR OBSERVATION DATASHEET

Please fill in each white field completely! This datasheet will serve as a template for entering your observation to the national dataset.

I. OBSERVER INFORMATION

Name of observer							
Name of partner (if applicable)							
Institutional affiliation							
Email address							

II. LOCATION INFORMATION

	Latitude	Longitude						
Location (decimal degrees, 5 decimal places)								
Habitat Type (where you are actually observing: circle one)	Desert	Grassland	Coniferous forest	Deciduous forest	Riparian	Agricultural	College campus	Other urban (within city)
Proximity of focal animal to nearest "edge" (circle one)	Less than 3 m (10 ft)	3 m - 10 m (10 - 32 ft)	Over 10 m (32 ft)					
Proximity of focal animal to "safety" (tree or burrow)	0 m (in tree or on burrow)	Less than 3 m (10 ft)	3 m - 15 m (10 - 50 ft)	15 m - 30 m (50 - 100 ft)	> 30 m	Optional: _____ (m)		
Proximity to human structures (circle all that apply)	0 m (in or on human structure)	Within 10 m (32 ft) of buildings	Within 10 m (32 ft) of paved road	Within 10 m (32 ft) of dirt road	Natural area, on trail	Natural area, off trail		

III. CURRENT CONDITIONS

Date & Time (beginning of obs)								
Cloud cover (circle one)	None	Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Overcast	Precipitating:	Y / N	
Wind (circle one)	None	Light breeze	Steady breeze	Gusty	Strong wind			

IV. BEHAVIOR OBSERVATION (5 minutes)

Focal species scientific name (Genus species)								
	Behavior (circle one per interval)							
Time (since obs. beginning)	Vigilance	Foraging	Alert	Feeding	Social	Other	NA	Notes/Comments
0:00	V	F		AF	S	O	NA	
0:20	V	F		AF	S	O	NA	
0:40	V	F		AF	S	O	NA	
1:00	V	F		AF	S	O	NA	
1:20	V	F		AF	S	O	NA	
1:40	V	F		AF	S	O	NA	
2:00	V	F		AF	S	O	NA	
2:20	V	F		AF	S	O	NA	
2:40	V	F		AF	S	O	NA	
3:00	V	F		AF	S	O	NA	
3:20	V	F		AF	S	O	NA	
3:40	V	F		AF	S	O	NA	
4:00	V	F		AF	S	O	NA	
4:20	V	F		AF	S	O	NA	
4:40	V	F		AF	S	O	NA	
5:00	V	F		AF	S	O	NA	
TOTAL (add up the number of each category)								You will enter these totals into the google sheet! Your totals should add to 16.

V. OTHER ANIMALS PRESENT WITHIN 30m (100ft) OF FOCAL ANIMAL

Species name	# of individuals	Interaction? (circle one)	Within 15m (50 ft) of focal animal? (circle)	Notes/comments
Conspecifics		Y N	Y N	
Humans		Y N	Y N	
Dogs		Y N	Y N	
		Y N	Y N	
		Y N	Y N	

Data Submission: Please request access to the national dataset at <http://squirrel-net.org>