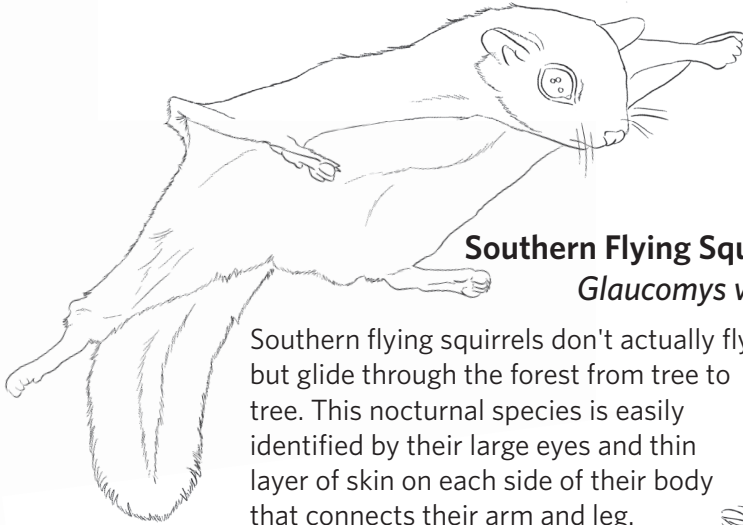


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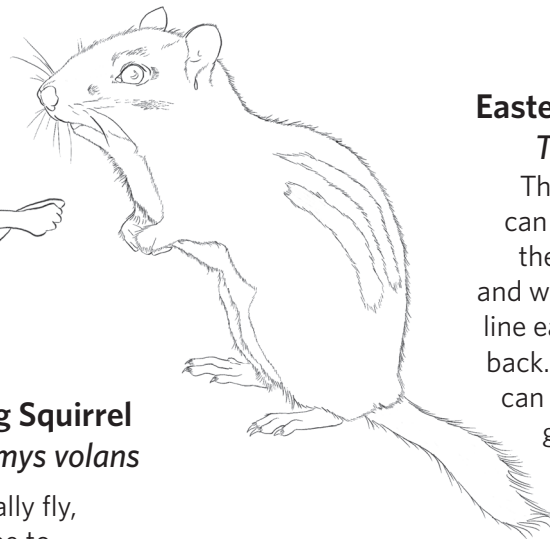
Eastern Gray Squirrel
Sciurus carolinensis

Despite their name, not all Eastern gray squirrels are not all gray; they come in a variety of colors including black and red. They are common in urban and suburban forests, parks, and backyards across Eastern North America. These squirrels are excellent climbers, jumping from tree to tree, and in the fall and winter, can often be seen digging holes in the ground to store their food.



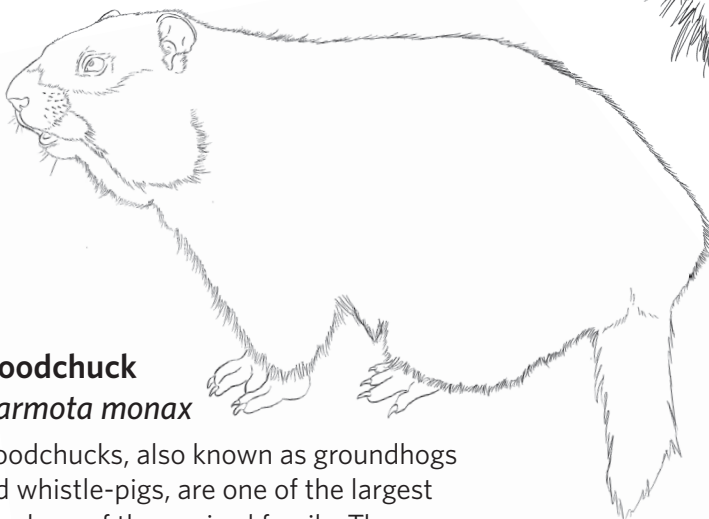
Southern Flying Squirrel
Glaucomys volans

Southern flying squirrels don't actually fly, but glide through the forest from tree to tree. This nocturnal species is easily identified by their large eyes and thin layer of skin on each side of their body that connects their arm and leg.



Eastern Chipmunk
Tamias striatus

This small squirrel can be identified by the two bold black and white stripes that line each side of their back. These squirrels can be found on the ground in urban, suburban, and forested areas.



Woodchuck
Marmota monax

Woodchucks, also known as groundhogs and whistle-pigs, are one of the largest members of the squirrel family. These squirrels stick to the ground, burrowing in



Fox Squirrel
Sciurus niger

Fox squirrels are found throughout Eastern North America in suburban and forested areas. They can be distinguished from other North American tree squirrels as they are slightly larger than the Eastern gray squirrel and often have a reddish hue to their fur.