



## Squirrel Scavenger Hunt



Grey Squirrels live throughout Southern Ontario and can be found in both the city and in rural areas. They live in a drey (a nest) in the tops of trees. Squirrels can eat their own body weight every week, which is roughly 1.5 pounds, mostly eating nuts and seeds. In the warmer months they spend time hiding their food from other creatures so that they can collect it. These little guys can be tricky and if they feel like they are being watched when they are hiding their delectable morsels of food, they pretend to hide it, then go and find another secret spot. How do they ever find all of their food after it's hidden? They have excellent smell and a good memory, with these characteristics, they can find where they left their cache of food.

### Instructions for the game:

1. Collect up to 10 natural (and maybe a few from your household) items on a walk or in your yard/green area.
2. Place the items on a surface so they can be examined.
3. Give your partner a set amount of time to memorize and study the items that you have collected.
4. Have your partner close their eyes while you hide these items in a small area. Remember that you **can't** bury them like a squirrel would.
5. Once you have hidden the items, your partner can collect as many as they can find and see if they can get them all.
6. Switch partners if you would like.