
How to Get Involved

Getting involved is easy!

Check out the Franklin's ground squirrel project website, which includes:

- a link to the iNaturalist project to submit observations
- a free squirrel ID guide
- a free downloadable ringtone
- project updates

naturealberta.ca/ground-squirrel/



Spotting other species of squirrels?
Submit those observations here:

inaturalist.org/projects/squirrels-of-alberta



About Us

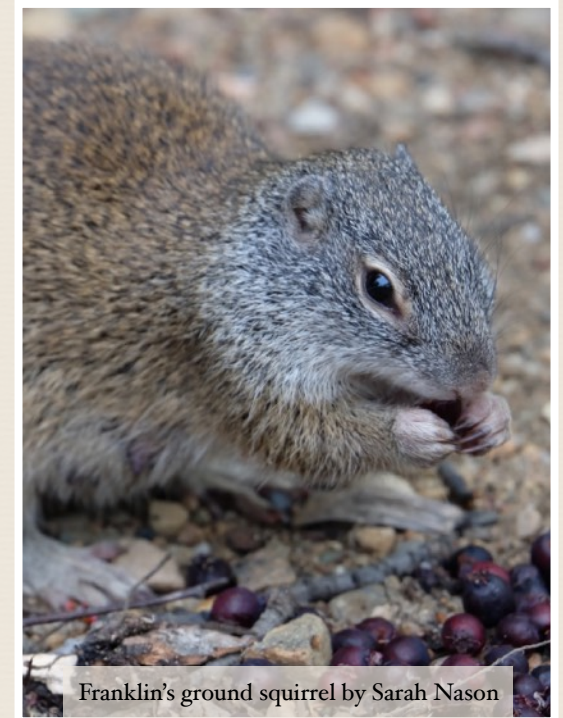
This project is a collaboration between Nature Alberta and Drs. Jess Haines, Josh Miller, and David McFadyen from MacEwan University.

You can find project updates on this website:

ABmammals.ca



Squirrels of Alberta



Franklin's ground squirrel by Sarah Nason

Did you know there are 14 squirrel species in Alberta and that some may be endangered?

Help us learn more about these charismatic mammals!

Endangered Squirrels?



Red squirrel by Jessica Haines

Why Squirrels?

Some squirrels may be endangered and you can help us learn more about them - read more on the right side of this page. But looking for squirrels is also a great way to explore the outdoors - they live in lots of different places and some are active all year. They have a lot of personality and are fun to watch!



Golden-mantled ground squirrel by Jessica Haines

That's right! Some squirrels are at risk of extinction. In Alberta, we have two species that might be declining: Franklin's ground squirrels and thirteen-lined ground squirrels. We need to learn more about these species to find out if they are endangered. **Your observations will help contribute to squirrel conservation!**

FRANKLIN'S GROUND SQUIRREL

Poliocitellus franklinii

- Prefers denser vegetation instead of open grasslands.
- Long bushy tail.
- Grey face and tail.



Franklin's ground squirrel by Richard Schneider

THIRTEEN-LINED GROUND SQUIRREL

Ictidomys tridecemlineatus

- Found in open areas.
- Distinctive pattern of white stripes and spots along its head and back.



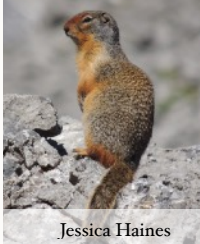
Thirteen-lined ground squirrel by Richard Schneider

SIMILAR SPECIES



- Red squirrel**
- Lives in trees
 - Red fur
 - Bushy tail

Tony LePrieur



- Columbian Ground Squirrel**
- Lives in mountains
 - Red face and legs

Jessica Haines



- Richardson's Ground Squirrel**
- Lives in open grasslands
 - Short tail

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