

# Saplings Colouring Package

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Squirrel Awareness Day

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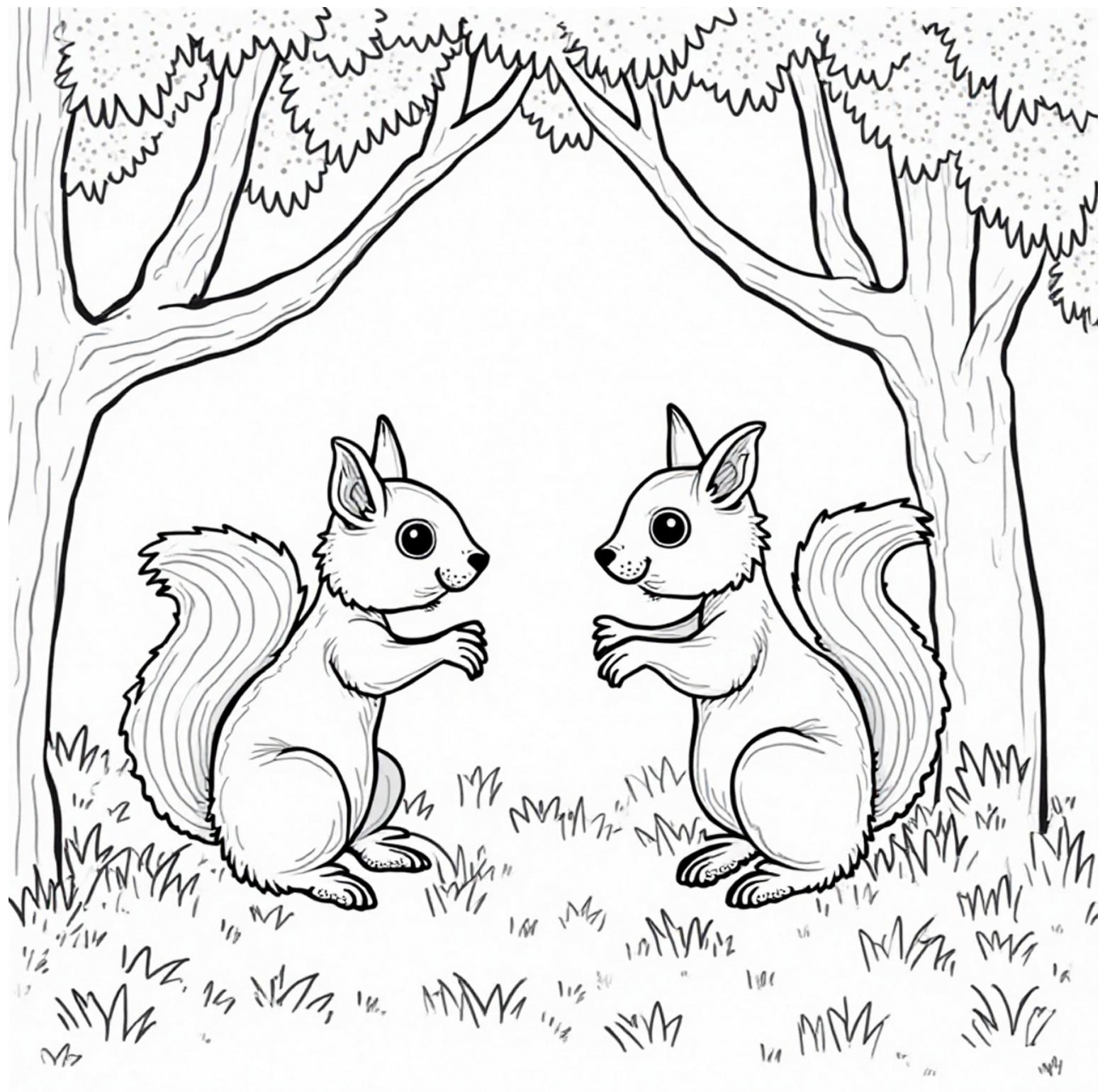


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# Did You Know?

## Ten fun facts about squirrels

1. A squirrel's four front teeth grow continuously, requiring them to gnaw on hard things to keep them filed down.
2. Squirrels forget many of the nuts they bury, unintentionally planting thousands of new trees, making them crucial for forest regeneration.
3. Their bushy tails aren't just for show; they're used for balance, as a parachute when falling, and for communication.
4. Squirrels use "fake burying" by pretending to dig holes to trick other squirrels and birds from stealing their buried treasures.
5. Squirrels can jump impressive distances (up to 20 feet horizontally). They have double-jointed hind legs, allowing them to run headfirst down trees.
6. While known for eating nuts, squirrels are omnivores and also eat seeds, fruits, fungi, insects, and even bird eggs.
7. They put on extra weight and fluff up their fur in winter to stay insulated and warm.
8. A squirrel named Miss Baker was the first squirrel to travel to space in 1961.
9. Squirrels can find food buried under a foot of snow using their keen sense of smell.
10. There are over 280 species of squirrels, including tree squirrels, ground squirrels, and flying squirrels, found almost everywhere except Australia and Antarctica.

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**Draw your own squirrel here**

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