



Shrub and Tree Species for Red Squirrel Conservation

The following table provides advice on which species are squirrel friendly, and those that should be avoided, covering everything from small shrubs to substantial trees:

Red Squirrel Friendly	Squirrel Neutral	Red Squirrel Negative
<p>Conifer Trees & Other Shrubs</p> <p>good for red squirrels, even when grey squirrels are present</p>	<p>Small Seeded Deciduous Trees</p> <p>No problem – good for improving overall habitat without detriment to the red squirrel</p>	<p>Large Seeded Deciduous Trees</p> <p>Good for red squirrels but only when grey squirrels are totally absent</p>
<p>Blackthorn Hawthorn Brambles/blackberry Raspberry Bullace or damson Crab apple Dog Rose Guelder Rose Holly Bird cherry Wild cherry Yew Corsican pine Douglas Fir Larches Lodgepole Pine Scots Pine Sitka Spruce Norway Spruce Western Red Cedar Other conifer species</p>	<p>Alder Ash Aspen Birches Black poplar Box Cypress species Field Maple Juniper Limes Rowan Western Hemlock Whitebeam Willows Wych Elm</p>	<p>Beech Hazel Horse Chestnut Oaks Sweet chestnut Walnut Sycamore</p>

Create a wildlife Corner

You may also see red squirrels foraging in your garden for plant shoots, fungi, and insects. Why not create a wildlife corner in your garden? This could include planting a selection of the squirrel friendly shrubs, allowing grass and wild plants to establish and grow tall, creating hiding places and habitat features such as rocks, and providing some logs to decompose to encourage insects and fungi. This will also help to support other wildlife in your garden.