

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION



FACTS

FOOD: Will harvest cones and store them away for later use. To get at the seeds inside the cone, they peel off each scale and discard the outside. These discarded scales create a pile, called a midden, at the bottom of the tree. Several generations of squirrels may use the same eating area, and these middens can get very large over the years.

BREEDING/NESTING: Courtship generally starts in late March and involves fast, noisy chases around the tree trunks. Nests are made in old holes in trees, lined with soft materials such as leaves, bark and moss. Young are born about a month later—hairless and with their eyes closed. They are generally weaned and out on their own within about three months.

This is to certify that

Tales of Life Candle Co.

has sponsored the care of a

DOUGLAS SQUIRREL (*TAMIASCIURUS DOUGLASII*)

Our native Douglas Squirrel is more often heard than seen. They are very territorial, and scold or chatter at any interlopers from the safety of a tree above. They often act as a sentry in the forest, sounding an alarm when predators approach. Douglas Squirrels are relatively small, measuring about 30 cm, of which nearly half is their tail. During the summer, they are generally reddish-brown on their backs and pale orange or white on their bellies. During the winter, they are more grey on back and lighter on their fronts, and they grow ear tufts. Found almost exclusively in coniferous forests. During the summer they make nests high in the trees, but in the winter will nest in tree cavities. They are active all year, but on very cold days will likely remain curled up in their nests to stay warm.

Thank you for providing treatment and care to our wildlife family!
Your symbolic adoption is allowing our furry and feathered friends to thrive in their natural habitat!

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