

Squirrel Acrobats

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Connections

Writing

Write a poem describing how a gray squirrel moves.
Share your poem with the class.

Science

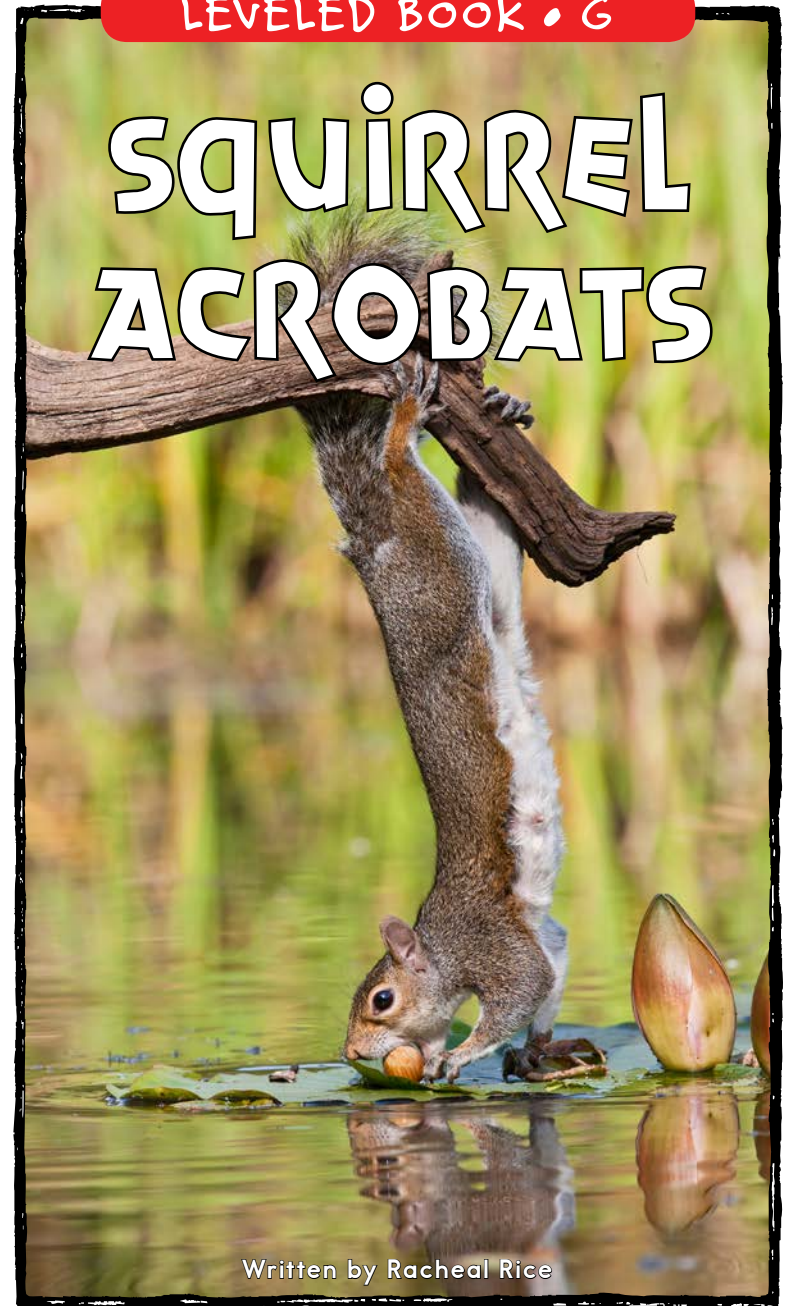
Where do gray squirrels live?
Draw a picture of their habitat.
Describe your picture to a partner.

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Focus Question

In what ways are gray squirrels like acrobats?

Words to Know

acrobats	direction
alert	escape
balance	squirrels

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Gray squirrels are the most common squirrels in North America. There are over two hundred species of squirrels in the world. Most of the different species can be considered nature's acrobats, but many do not behave exactly as the gray squirrel does.

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Gray squirrels are some
of nature's acrobats.
They move quickly
and easily to find food
or escape from other animals.

They dart or dash
across the ground.
They can stop quickly
with their tails up.



They are alert for danger.
They whip their tails from
side to side if they see
other animals.



They move fast on the ground.
They run and leap quickly
so that cats or foxes do not
catch them.



They cling to tree
trunks with their claws.



They can climb
and change direction quickly.
They can change direction
to escape from birds
or other squirrels.



They can leap easily from
large branches to small ones.

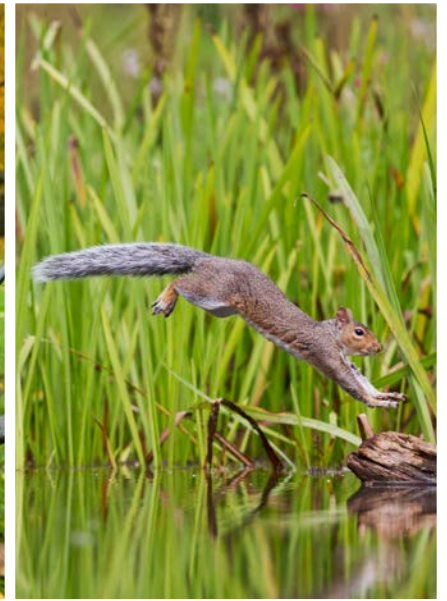
They land easily on small branches by using their tails. They use their tails to keep their balance and not fall off.



Small branches or wires are like tightropes that they easily run across.



They can hang from
the bottoms of branches.
They can even climb
upside down!



Squirrel acrobats can quickly
and easily climb, leap, and run!