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Does a Squirrel Form Relationships with Other Species?

Short Answer Key

1. Squirrels help plants in mutualism by burying seeds, which may grow into new trees if they forget where they buried them.
2. When squirrels forget where they bury their food, the seeds they leave behind may grow into new trees.
3. Commensalism is when one species benefits and the other is unaffected, like when squirrels share their nests with birds or insects.
4. Squirrels have a parasitic relationship with fleas and ticks, which feed off their blood, harming the squirrels.
5. Squirrels mostly live on their own because they gather food and raise their young independently, though they may share space with other creatures.

