

# Squirrel Hunting for Beginners

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# Why Squirrel Hunt?

- Squirrels are hunted in the fall, when the weather isn't too cold or hot
- Not a lot of expensive gear/equipment required
- Hunting doesn't require long, strenuous hikes
- Long hunting season
- Tasty, lean, hormone-free meat

# Abert's Squirrel



Credit: John Martsh



# Fox Squirrel



Credit: Jim Stuart

# Gray Squirrel



Credit: Mark Watson



# Red Squirrel



Credit: Mark Watson

# Definitions

- Male squirrel- buck, boar
- Female squirrel- doe, sow
- Baby squirrel- pup, kit, kitten
- Squirrel nest- drey

# Preseason Scouting



Credit: I. Martsh





# Still Hunting



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# Stationary Hunting



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# Clothing

- Make sure it is weather appropriate
- Wear comfortable boots
- Use a hat or cap to keep the sun out of your eyes
- Avoid bright colors, stick to: black, gray, brown, green and blue.

# Essential Gear: Sporting Arm



# Essential Gear: Ammunition



# Essential Gear: Binoculars



# Essential Gear: First Aid Kit



# Essential Gear: Hunting Vest





# Essential Gear: Hearing Protection




# Essential Gear: GPS Unit



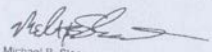
# Essential Gear: 2 Quarters



# Essential Gear: Hunting License and Stamps

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**License 2019 - 2020**  
04/01/2019 - 03/31/2020


  
Michael B. Sloane  
Director and Secretary to the Commission


License: 2999615 sold: 03/21/19 16:19  
70 - 2nd Rod  
28 - HMAV  
63 - Habitat Stamp  
36 - Game Hunt/Fish  
License: 2999618 sold: 03/21/19 16:19  
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License: 3363388 sold: 10/17/19 11:11  
89 - Band-Tailed Pigeon Permit  
License: 337691 sold: 11/09/19 8:17  
97 - Federal Duck Stamp

License No: 299€ 0321 1619

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence: NM since 08/10/1989

(505) 887-  
CIN: 070  
Gender: M  
Height: 5' 11"  
Weight: 185  
Hair Color: Brown  
Eye Color: Brown  
HE #: \_\_\_\_\_ / State: NM  
Active Duty/veteran: No  
Legal firearm possession: Yes

  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Essential Gear: Water



# Equipment inside Vehicle: Skinning Knife and/or Game Shears



# Equipment inside Vehicle: Cooler and Gallon Freezer Bag



# Rules and Regulations

## Top 10

1. Squirrels may be taken with shotguns firing shot, muzzle-loading shotguns, rim-fire and muzzle-loading firearms, bows, crossbows and compressed air gun firing a pellet.
2. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, unless otherwise noted.
3. Anyone taking small game must transport the edible portions of the meat from the field for human consumption.
4. Statewide squirrel season is September 1 through November 30.
5. Bag limit is eight squirrels per day per hunter, possession limit of 16 per hunter.
6. Season dates can change year to year, so be sure to check current proclamation prior to hunting.



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### **It is unlawful to:**

7. Hunt while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants, including medical marijuana.
8. Shoot at game on, from or across, any paved, graded or maintained public road or within the fenced right-of-way of any paved, graded or maintained public road.
9. Shoot at protected species or artificial wildlife from a motor vehicle.
10. Hunt or shoot at any animal from an aircraft or drone or cause any non-domesticated animal to move from its place of rest or change its direction of travel.

# Conclusion

