

Southern Flying Squirrel *Glaucomys volans*

Habitat Preference: Southern flying squirrels require mature trees for nesting and a food source. They require classic understory with fallen rotting logs. The rotting logs have a fungus that is an important food source. Mostly found in upland eastern deciduous forests although they can be found in floodplain timber. They are almost completely dependent upon oak/hickory forests.



Threats:

- Loss of mature mast producing trees in stands of timber.
- “Cleaning up timber” by removing fallen and rotting logs.

Appropriate Practices:

- Maintain older wood lots
- Reduce the amount of harvest in timber with known populations
- Leave rotting material
- Maintain snag trees
- Large areas can have a larger percent of timber harvest while smaller areas must have a smaller percent of timber harvest
- Plant new trees along the periphery of small stands of timber that include high amounts of oak and hickory species
- Construct and place artificial nest boxes