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Species Profile

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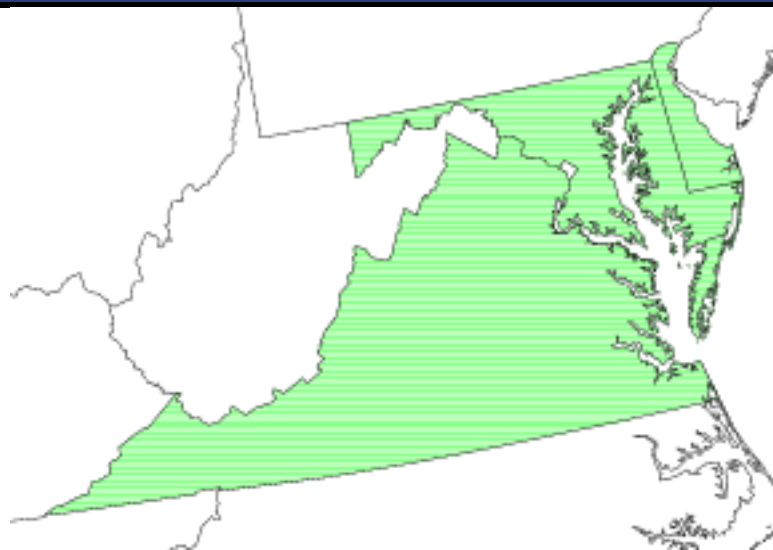
Delmarva Peninsula Fox squirrel (*Sciurus niger cinereus*)

Kingdom: Animalia

Class: Mammalia

Order: Rodentia

Family: Sciuridae



Listing Status: **Endangered** and
Experimental Population, Non-Essential

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General Information

This large, slate grey tree squirrel (*Sciurus niger cinereus*) has an unusually full, fluffy tail and white belly. Larger than common gray squirrels, some fox squirrel subspecies measure up to 28 inches long and weigh up to three pounds. Once found throughout the Delmarva Peninsula, remnant populations of the Delmarva fox squirrel now persist naturally only in portions of Queen Anne's, Talbot and Dorchester Counties in Maryland. Translocated populations now exist in other areas of Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and a small area in Chester, Pennsylvania. The fox squirrel is found mostly in mixed stands of mature (acorn-producing) hardwoods and mature loblolly pines. Other areas include groves of trees along streams and bays, small woodlots in agricultural fields and forest near salt marshes.

Population detail

The FWS is currently monitoring the following populations of the Delmarva Peninsula Fox squirrel

- **Population location:** Entire, except Sussex Co., DE
Listing status: **Endangered**
 - **States/US Territories** in which this population is known to occur: Delaware , Maryland , Virginia
 - **USFWS Refuges** in which this population is known to occur: BLACKWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE , CHINCOTEAGUE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE , EASTERN NECK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE , PRIME HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
 - **For more information:** <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/factsheets/squirrel.pdf>
- **Population location:** U.S.A. (DE, Sussex Co.)
Listing status: **Experimental Population, Non-Essential**
 - **States/US Territories** in which this population is known to occur: Delaware
 - **For more information:** <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/chesapke.html#lnk01>

Current Listing Status Summary

Status	Date Listed	Lead Region	Where Listed
Endangered	03/11/1967	Northeast Region (Region 5)	Entire, except Sussex Co., DE
Experimental Population, Non-Essential	09/13/1984	Northeast Region (Region 5)	U.S.A. (DE, Sussex Co.)

» Federal Register Documents

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Date	Citation Page	Title
07/06/2005	70 FR 38976	Initiation of a 5-Year Review of 5 Listed Species: The Virginia Northern Flying Squirrel (<i>Glaucomys sabrinus fuscus</i>), Delmarva Peninsula Fox Squirrel (<i>Sciurus niger cinereus</i>), Northeastern Bulrush (<i>Scirpus ancistrochaetus</i>), Chittenango Ovate Amber Snail (<i>Succinea chittenangoensis</i>), and Virginia Round-Leaf Birch (<i>Betula uber</i>)
12/21/1984	49 FR 49639	(Correction) Gypsum Wild Buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum gypsophilum</i>) & <i>Sciurus niger cinereus</i> (Delmarva Fox Squirrel); 49 FR 49639
09/13/1984	49 FR 35954 35954	
09/13/1984	49 FR 35951 35955	Determination of Experimental Population Status for an Introduced Population of Delmarva Fox Squirrel

04/05/1984	49 FR 13556 13558	Proposed Determination of Experimental Population Status for Introduced Population of Delmarva Fox Squirrel; 49 R 13556-13558
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Most Recent Special Rule Publications (Showing 2 of 2)

Date	Citation Page	Title
09/13/1984	49 FR 35954 35954	
04/05/1984	49 FR 13556 13558	Proposed Determination of Experimental Population Status for Introduced Population of Delmarva Fox Squirrel; 49 R 13556-13558

» Recovery

[Recovery Plan Information Search](#)

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Current Recovery Plan(s)

Date	Title	Plan Action Status	Plan Status
06/08/1993	Delmarva Peninsula Fox Squirrel	View Implementation Progress	Final Revision 2

Other Recovery Documents (Showing 1 of 1)

Date	Citation Page	Title	Document Type
07/06/2005	70 FR 38976	Initiation of a 5-Year Review of 5 Listed Species: The Virginia Northern Flying Squirrel (<i>Glaucomys sabrinus fuscus</i>), Delmarva Peninsula Fox Squirrel (<i>Sciurus niger cinereus</i>), Northeastern Bulrush (<i>Scirpus ancistrochaetus</i>), Chittenango Ovate Amber Snail (<i>Succinea chittenangoensis</i>), and Virginia Round-Leaf Birch (<i>Betula uber</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice 5-year Review

Five Year Review

Date	Title
09/07/2007	Delmarva Peninsula Fox Squirrel 5-Year Review

» Critical Habitat

No critical habitat rules have been published for the Delmarva Peninsula Fox squirrel.

» Conservation Plans

Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP) ([learn more](#)) (Showing 1 of 1)

HCP Plan Summaries

[Home Port on Winchester Creek Development Project](#)

» Petitions

No petition findings have been published for the Delmarva Peninsula Fox squirrel.

» Life History

No Life History information has been entered into this system for this species.

» Other Resources

[NatureServe Explorer Species Reports](#) -- NatureServe Explorer is a source for authoritative conservation information on more than 50,000 plants, animals and ecological communities of the U. S and Canada. NatureServe Explorer provides in-depth information on rare and endangered species, but includes common plants and animals too. NatureServe Explorer is a product of NatureServe in collaboration with the Natural Heritage Network.

[ITIS Reports](#) -- ITIS (the Integrated Taxonomic Information System) is a source for authoritative taxonomic information on plants, animals, fungi, and microbes of North America and the world.

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