



Sick Red Squirrels Alert

Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels, a partnership project led by the Scottish Wildlife Trust, is looking for more information on potential sick red squirrels in Bridge of Allan following a report from the area. We are hoping to rule out squirrelpox, a fatal disease carried by grey squirrels which kills most reds in 2 weeks. Symptoms include lethargic behavior, and weeping scabs around the genitalia, eyes, nose, ears, and feet.

Please take the following immediate actions:

- Take in all wildlife feeders for the next 3 weeks, and thoroughly clean with an anti-viral solution such as Virkon S: tinyurl.com/35re8rdz
- Take photos of and report sightings of sick or dead red squirrels to squirrels@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk
- Record these and all other sightings on our website at scottishsquirrels.org.uk
- Post dead red squirrel carcasses found for post-mortem analysis: tinyurl.com/3kaxncp2
- Call the SSPCA on 03000 999 999 if you spot a sick/ lethargic red squirrel.

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