

# Uinta Ground Squirrel



## Uinta Ground Squirrels in Yellowstone National Park

Uinta ground squirrels are one type of squirrel in Yellowstone. Other species include golden-mantled ground squirrel, northern flying squirrel, and red squirrel. Uinta squirrels are gray with brown fur mixed in. They are small, weighing less than a pound to just over a pound. These curious rodents eat seeds, vegetation, insects, and meat. They live in meadows, grasslands, and fields. Being prey for many other animals in the park, it is no wonder these squirrels always seem alert. Uinta ground squirrels hibernate in the winter and are fully active for only three-and-a-half months of the year.

In Yellowstone, Uinta ground squirrels like the sagebrush and meadows close to the water. They live in burrows underground.

### What did you learn about the Uinta Ground Squirrels of Yellowstone?

1. What do Uinta ground squirrels eat?

Uinta ground squirrels eat seeds, vegetation, insects, and meat.

2. How long during the year are Uinta ground squirrels fully active?

They are only fully active three-and-a-half months out of the year.

3. Where in Yellowstone do Uinta ground squirrels live?

Uinta ground squirrels live in underground burrows in meadows and sagebrush areas.

