

Please Don't Feed Fox Squirrels



Photo by Steve Glass, FWC

The Sherman's fox squirrel is a protected, imperiled species that is native to Florida. This fox squirrel can adapt to living in golf courses and neighborhoods when its natural habitat is developed.

Do NOT feed fox squirrels. Feeding fox squirrels can do more harm than good – for both people and squirrels. Feeding squirrels may cause them to become dependent on handouts and lose their natural fear of people, even scratching or biting people on rare occasions.

Please help Sherman's fox squirrels by keeping them wild!

- Do not feed fox squirrels - or other wildlife.
- Make a loud noise if fox squirrels get too close to you.
- Educate friends and neighbors about not feeding fox squirrels.
- Inform The Villages management if you see people feeding fox squirrels.
- Enjoy watching fox squirrels, but do so from a distance.

**It is illegal to harass or harm
an imperiled species.**



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