



Suspected cases of squirrelpox

Multiple suspected cases of squirrel pox have been reported near Cardrona. In order to ensure we can protect red squirrels in the local area, we would advise you to please:

- Take bird/squirrel feeders in if you live in/near Cardrona
- Take feeders in if you see a grey squirrel/sick red squirrel in your garden
- Use Virkon S to disinfect any feeders you cannot bring in
- Report sightings of grey squirrels at scottishsquirrels.org.uk
- Report sightings of sick red squirrels to scooper@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk
- If a sick red squirrel is caught, please also contact your local vet or the SSPCA

Signs to look out for:

- Lesions around the eyes, mouth and paws
- Difficulty eating or drinking
- Difficulty climbing or moving

Please abide by Covid 19 restrictions and do not travel to check on/pick up squirrels. There is no evidence that squirrel pox can harm humans, but please take care when approaching wild animals.



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