

Who Lives There?

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A city is a place where many people live. Did you know that some animals are city dwellers, too? Let's look at a few that live in parks.

Trees make leafy homes for birds. Some birds build their nests high up in trees. This helps keep the birds and their eggs safe. Birds can find lots of seeds, nuts, and bugs to eat in a park.

Squirrels can often be seen in city parks. They use leaves to build cozy homes called dens. You may see a busy squirrel digging a hole. They bury nuts there. Then they dig them up for winter food.

Rabbits like city parks, too. They munch on green grass in the summer. In the winter they eat twigs, stems, and even bark.

Some parks have ponds. A pond is a good home for wildlife. Turtles can be found in ponds. On a sunny day you may see them by the pond bank. You may see turtles resting on logs. Frogs like ponds too. Lots of tasty bugs fly by. Watch closely and you might see a frog catch its lunch.

The next time you visit a city park, look around. You will see lots of wildlife. A park is a fun place for people. It is a fun place for animals too!

Questions

1. What does the author want you to know about city parks?
2. Why do you think birds build nests high in trees?
3. How is the food that rabbits eat in the summer different from the food they eat in the winter?
4. What are some reasons that many animals live in city parks?