

Eastern Chipmunk



This Eastern chipmunk (*Tamias striatus*) is a ground-dwelling squirrel that is abundant across Tennessee. They are most common in treed areas and tend to burrow near brush or stone piles. Chipmunks prefer eating and storing nuts but will also eat fruit, mushrooms, earthworms, amphibians, insects, and small birds and their eggs.

This chipmunk is filling his cheeks with sunflower seeds at our bird feeder. He has quite a few to take back home!

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