

Eastern Gray Squirrel and Muriel's Retreat



The eastern gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*) is native to eastern North America and thrives in urban, suburban, and rural areas with trees. On Dyer's nine acres, they enjoy an abundance of hickory nuts and acorns, yet still find the bird feeder irresistible.

In the background is **Muriel's Retreat**, the former home of the observatory's first director, Dr. Carl Seyfert, and his family. Muriel was his wife and fellow astronomer.

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