Gray Squirrels

Today on Gardening in a Minute: gray squirrels.

One of the most frequently encountered native Florida mammals is the gray squirrel. These rodents have large, bushy tails and chisel-like front teeth that can chew through almost anything.

Gray squirrels are active during the day. They eat a wide variety of plants, but mostly fruits and nuts.

They’re common in urban areas, especially where there are oak trees, gardens, and bird feeders to provide them with plenty of food.

Squirrels can cause a wide variety of problems in the home landscape. They can disturb your plants, often digging up seeds or consuming flowers.

Visual and odor repellents typically don’t work, but taste repellents can sometimes be effective. And sometimes a solution could be as simple as moving your potted plants.

For more information about gray squirrels and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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