

The Tassel-Eared Squirrel

The Abert's squirrel has long tufts or tassels of fur on its ears. The tassels are longest in winter. In summer, the squirrel's ear tassels may be smaller or they may disappear.

How can you tell if a squirrel is an Abert's squirrel in summer if it loses its ear tufts? The Abert's squirrel lives in only one place—the ponderosa pine forest. It builds its nest in the ponderosa pine tree and eats seeds from the pine cones!

