PREVOST’S SQUIRREL

Callosciurus prevostii rafflesii
Vigors & Horsfield, 1828

CLASSIFICATION

Class: Mammalia
Order: Rodentia
Family: Sciuridae

16 other subspecies

Identification: The species reaches a body length of 24 cm for tail length of 23 cm, weight up to 400 g. Very variable species. This subspecies has black back, chestnut belly and shoulders, white line from shoulder to hindlimb, grey cheeks, white lip spots.

Range: This subspecies occurs in south Sumatra (Indonesia). The species occurs in South East Asia, from extreme south Thailand to Sumatra and Borneo.

Habitat: Mostly tall and secondary forests, sometimes gardens, up to 1200 meters.

Behavior: The species lives solitarily or in loose groups. Feeds on fruits, seeds, bark, sap and flowers. Breeding occurs mostly in spring and summer, 1 to 2 youngs born.

Status in the wild: The species has a wide distribution and remains fairly common in the wild, occurring in protected areas. Some endemic forms could be threatened.

In captivity: This species is by far the commonest of its genus in captivity around the world, being kept and bred in a few zoos and private collections. This subspecies is kept in about 30 zoos in Europe and collections in Asia, possibly America as well.