

Ground Squirrel Identification

How to Distinguish California from Belding's Ground Squirrel

	California ground squirrel	Belding's ground squirrel
Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total adult length: 14-20 inches• Weight: 21-31 oz• Males somewhat larger than females	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total adult length: 8.5 inches• Weight: 9-19 oz• Males somewhat larger than females
Color	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mottled, light and dark brown fur with white and gray on their back• Belly/underside has a combination of lighter browns, grays, and white	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brownish-gray to reddish-brown
Markings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White ring around each eye	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No stripes, mottling, or markings
Tail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Somewhat bushy• 5.7-9 inches long	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tail is not bushy• 2.5 inches long
Ears	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tall and conspicuous, with some exceptionally long hairs at the tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small, not very prominent



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