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Squirrels Give Age of Grand Canyon



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Tassel-eared squirrels are found on both the north and south rims of the canyon. Scientists have assumed that the squirrels were there before the canyon was formed, supposedly millions of years ago. However, since the canyon has kept the two populations apart for so long, the differences between them should show what millions of years of evolution will do to squirrels.

There are minor differences between the squirrels on the north rim and the south rim. But they're not even enough to classify the squirrels as separate species. North rim squirrels have white tails and black bellies. Squirrels on the south rim have white bellies and dark tails. But many north rim squirrels have coloration like those on the south, and many on the south rim are colored like those on the north. Creation scientist Dr. John Meyer has concluded that the squirrels on the north and south rim are actually one population that has a complete range of fur colors.

According to a law of evolution accepted by evolutionists, there should be a much larger difference between the north and south squirrels if the Grand Canyon is really millions of years old. The conclusion must be, then, that the Grand Canyon is quite young – only thousands of years old!

Ref: Meyer, J.R. 1985. "Origin of the Kaibab Squirrel." *Creation Research Society Quarterly*, v. 22. ICR Grand Canyon Field Study Tour Guidebook. 1990. Photo: Tassel-eared squirrel.

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