

# California Ground Squirrel

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# TOPICS



Damage

Biology

**Control Options** 

**Regulatory Requirements** 

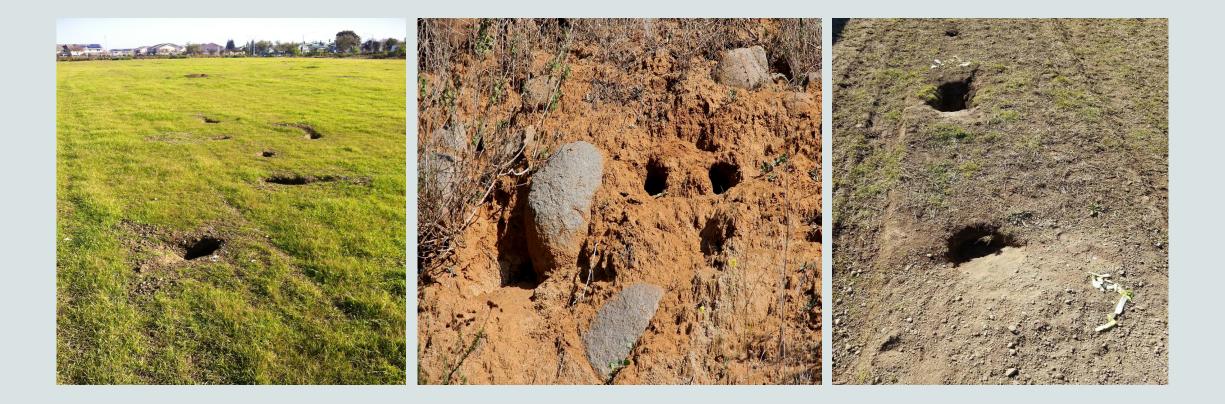
Federal

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**New Innovations** 

**CEQA** Compliance

### CALIFORNIA GROUND SQUIRREL DAMAGE





### CALIFORNIA GROUND SQUIRREL BIOLOGY

- California ground squirrel is found throughout the state, except desert habitats.
- CGS inhabit rangelands, pastures, orchards, ditch banks, foothill slopes, and open lands.
- CGS are diurnal and love to warm themselves in the sun.

### CALIFORNIA GROUND SQUIRREL BIOLOGY ESTIVATION AND HIBERNATION



#### **Estivation**

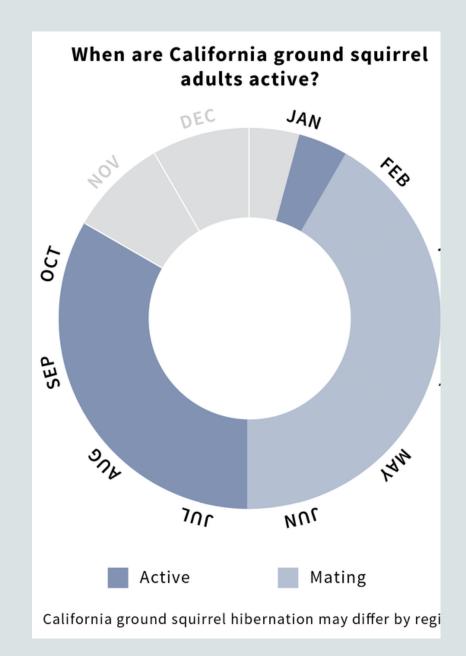
- Is the period of dormancy that takes place during a hot or dry season.
- Estivate in periods of extreme summer heat (July and August)
- At lower elevations adults estivate for a portion of the year.

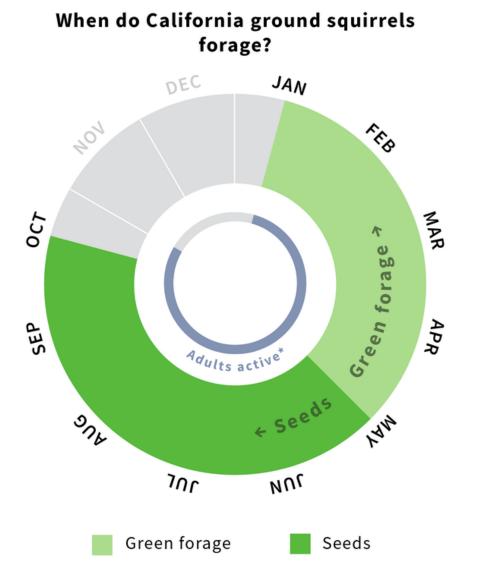
#### Hibernation

- Hibernation begins during winter
- Emerge from burrows as early as January but some populations may not be seen until March.
- Males often emerge from hibernation 10 to 14 days before the females.

### CALIFORNIA GROUND SQUIRREL REPRODUCTION

- The onset of breeding can depend on weather, elevation, and latitude
- Mating can begin as early as January in warmer location and continues until July.
- CA Ground Squirrels only produce a single litter
- The average litter has 5-8 young





\*California ground squirrel hibernation may differ by region

### CALIFORNIA GROUND SQUIRREL DIET

- CGS exhibit seasonal food preferences.
  - Green Grasses & herbaceous plants.
  - Seeds

#### How to Time Management Efforts | California Ground Squirrels



TIMING: WHY IT MATTERS

🗾 Active 🛛 📕 Feeding 📕 Management window 📄 Hibernation/Method ineffective

Note: Ground squirrel activity may vary by region. This variance may affect management windows.

## CONTROL METHODS REQUIRING LICENSING

### Poison Baiting with Treated Grain Baits

- Diphacinone
- Chlorophacinone
   0.005%
- Chlorophacinone 0.01%
- Zinc Phosphide 2.0%

### Fumigation

- Gas Cartridges
- Aluminum phosphide

### **REGULATORY REGQUIREMENTS**

#### Licensing

- Private Applicator Certificate (PAC)
- State Issued (PCA, QAL, QAC)

#### Permitting

- Operator ID#
- Restricted Materials Permit VS. Non-Restricted

#### Label Requirements

• The label is the law

#### Reporting

- Notice of Intent (NOI)
- Management Plans
- Use Reporting

	SPECTA	EN LABEL
		USE PESTICIDE
		NON-TARGET SPECIES
For retail sale		nder their direct supervision and only for those uses covered by the
		tor's certification.
	Ramik	<sup>®</sup> Oats
		nd Squirrels
		fornia Ground Squirrels
	For Control of Can	iorma Ground Squirreis
ACTIVE INGR	EDIENT:	TREATMENT FOR PET POISONING
Diphacinone		If animal eats bait, call veterinarian or 1-800-498-5743 at
	etyl-1,3-Indandione)0.005%	once.
OTHER INGREDIENTS:		NOTE TO VETERINARIAN
TOTAL:		Contains the anticoagulant Diphacinone. If swallowed, this material may reduce the clotting ability of the blood and cause
EPA Reg. No. 61282-24 EPA Est. No. 61282-WI-01		bleeding. For humans or animals ingesting bait and/or
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN		showing poisoning signs (bleeding or elevated prothrombin
		times) give Vitamin K1, intramuscularly or orally.
CAUTION		For 24-hour emergency information on this product, call
		1-800-498-5743 (US & Canada) or 1-651-523-0318 (all
	FIRST AID	other areas).
HAVE LAB	EL WHEN OBTAINING TREATMENT	PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS
ADVICE		HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS
If Swallowed	<ul> <li>Call a poison control center, or doctor,</li> </ul>	CAUTION: Harmful if swallowed or absorbed through the
	or 1-800-498-5743 immediately for treatment advice.	skin. Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with
	<ul> <li>Have person sip a glass of water if able</li> </ul>	eyes, skin, or clothing. Keep away from children, domestic animals and pets.
	to swallow.	animais and pers.
	<ul> <li>Do not induce vomiting unless told to</li> </ul>	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):
	do so by the poison control center or	All handlers (including applicators) must wear long-sleeved
If on Skin or Clothing	doctor.	shirt, long pants, shoes, socks and water-proof gloves. Any
	<ul> <li>Take off contaminated clothing.</li> </ul>	person who retrieves carcasses or unused bait following application of this product must wear waterproof gloves.
	<ul> <li>Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes.</li> </ul>	application of this product must wear waterproof gloves.
	<ul> <li>Call a poison control center, or doctor,</li> </ul>	User Safety Requirements
	or 1-800-498-5743 immediately for	Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining
	treatment advice.	PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and
	<ul> <li>Hold eye open and rinse slowly and</li> </ul>	hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash
	gently with water for 15-20 minutes.	the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible,
If in Eyes	<ul> <li>Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue</li> </ul>	wash hands thoroughly after applying the bait and before
	rinsing eve.	eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the
	<ul> <li>Call a poison control center, or doctor,</li> </ul>	toilet and change into clean clothing.
	or 1-800-498-5743 immediately for	
	treatment advice.	ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS This product is extremely toxic to mammals and birds. Dog
NOTE TO PHYSICIAN If swallowed, this material may reduce the clotting ability of		cats and other predatory and scavenging mammals and birds. Dog
the blood and cause bleeding. If ingested, administer Vitamin		might be poisoned if they feed upon animals that have eate
K <sub>1</sub> , intramuscularly or orally. Repeat as necessary based on		this bait. Do not apply directly to water, or to areas when
monitoring of prothrombin times.		surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mea
		high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposin

This specimen label is intended for use only as a guide in providing general information regarding the directions, warning and cautions associated with the use of this product. As with any pesticide, always follow the label instructions on the package before using.
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# BAIT STATIONS



## ALTERNATIVE CONTROL METHODS



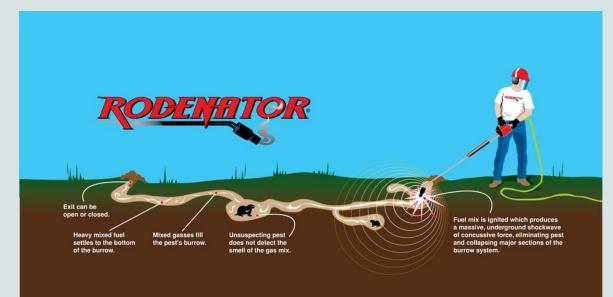


Gassing Rodenator

Trapping

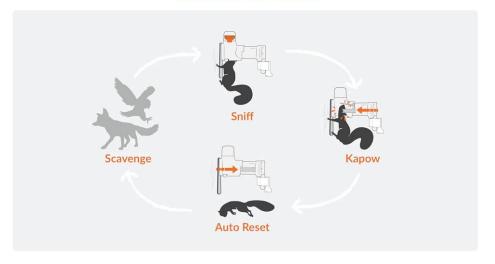


Shooting





#### How it works



### NEW INNOVATIONS

### A18 Squirrel Trapping Kit

- Toxin-Free
- · Certified humane
- CO2 powered kills
- No monitoring required

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**Burrow Blocker** 

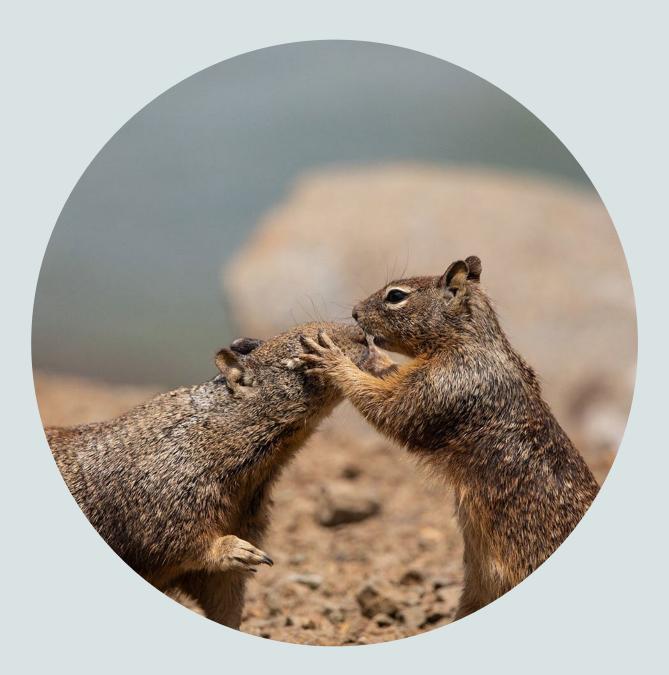
Burrow Blocker Demo



### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT COMPLIANCE

CEQA is designed to ensure that people in every California community understand how land use decisions will impact their community's future.





## SQUIRREL CONTROL

- Wildlife is held in a public trust in the United States.
- In the United States, wild animals are not owned by individuals or property owners.
- They are protected under various laws and regulations.
- Any actions involving wildlife must comply with federal, state, and local regulations.

# QUESTIONS?



