GARDEN VISITORS:

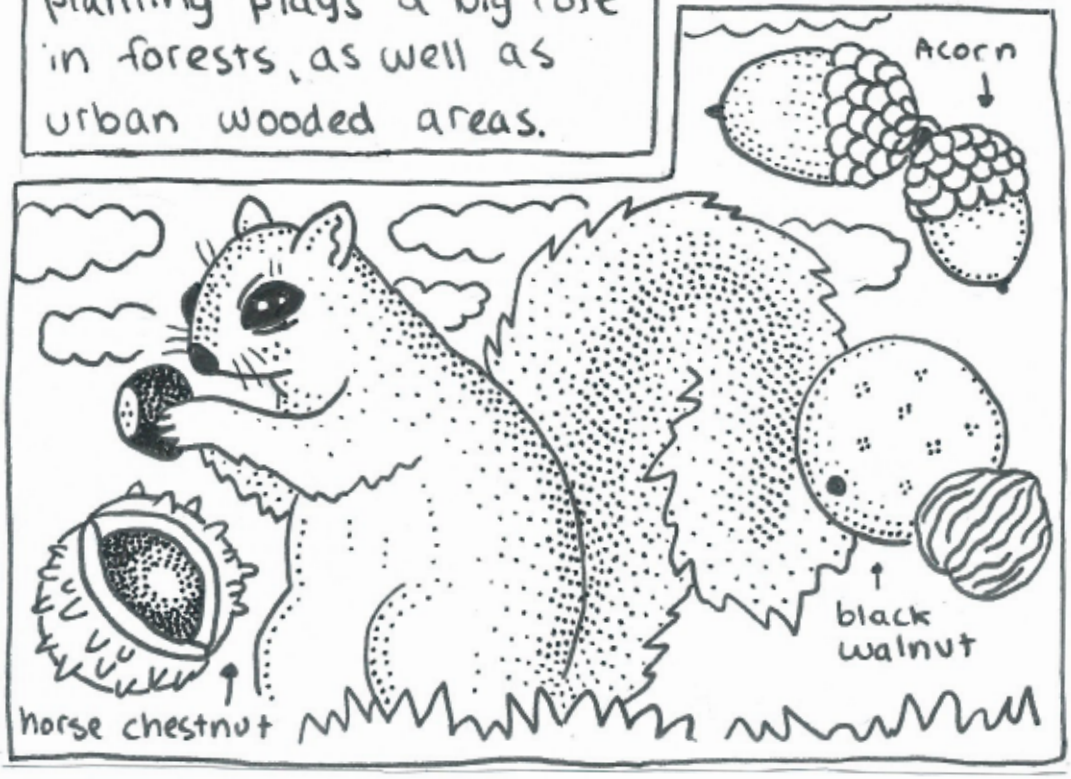
SQUIRRELS!

There are two species in Chicago.

Have you ever spotted a black squirrel? They are called melanistic morphs, and their darker coats are caused by a genetic difference in pigment. Some scientists think these coats help squirrels survive colder temperatures by retaining heat!

Squirrels plant trees! They collect and bury seeds to serve as winter food supplies. Although they dig most back up, many seeds are left in the ground, where they sprout into new trees! This accidental planting plays a big role in forests, as well as urban wooded areas.

Squirrel's nests are called dreys!



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