

# 樹上的住戶

## Dwellers on the Trees

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從小就喜歡泡在大自然裡，愛好野外觀察，在大學接觸相機後，便開始用相機記錄自然界中的精靈，尤其是兩棲爬蟲類，有種特別的狂熱。更多精采圖文請上 (探索自然 <http://blog.yam.com/ziming/article/12607766>)

Zeng has been fond of Nature and field observation since he was a child. Since his first contact with cameras in college, he has started to record what he called the "fairies" in the Nature, especially the amphibians and the reptiles, through photography with enthusiasm. For more photos and articles, go to his blog "Explore Nature" at: <http://blog.yam.com/ziming/article/12607766>



台灣共有3種飛鼠，圖中為大赤鼯鼠，屬於齧齒目松鼠科的鼯鼠亞科，另兩種則為白面鼯鼠跟小鼯鼠。大赤鼯鼠普遍分布於低海拔山區，為草食性，圖為正在啃樹枝的可愛模樣。

飛鼠其實並不會飛，大部分是利用爬行及跳躍的方式，只有在樹上高處想快速移動時，才會利用皮膜滑翔而下。其實更特別的是大赤鼯鼠的叫聲，很像快速拉拉鍊的聲音，又很像哭聲。

對飛鼠來說，樹木就是牠們的家，倘若有緣在山中相遇時，除了停下腳步細細觀賞，記得別去侵擾到牠們的「住戶權益」喔！

One of the three kinds of flying squirrels in Taiwan, Formosan giant flying squirrel (*Petaurista petaurista grandis*) is classified under the order Rodentia, the family Sciuridae, and the subfamily Sciurinae. This herbivore mostly inhabits in low-altitude mountain areas. It (in the picture) looks adorable when nibbling at the twigs of the tree. The other two flying squirrels in Taiwan are White-faced flying squirrel (*Petaurista alborufus lena*) and Formosan hairy-footed flying squirrel (*Belomys pearsoni kaleensis*).

Not really able to fly, flying squirrels mostly crawl and jump, and would "glide" with its patagiums (*special membranes*) only when it needs to move around fast between branches and trees. Even more specially, *Petaurista petaurista grandis* makes squeaks that sound like fast-zipping or crying.

Flying squirrels live on the trees. Be sure not to intrude their "turf" when you happen to meet one in the mountains.