

JANUARY

# ECO-BLITZ CHALLENGE

## HARRIS ANTELOPE SQUIRREL

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This month, we're exploring Harris Antelope Squirrel (*Ammospermophilus harrisi*). Check out these fun facts:

1. Harris Antelope Squirrels are grayish brown with a white stripe running along their body, and a white eye circle. Its body is nine inches plus a three-inch bushy black tail.
2. Adapted to the hot desert environment, they often search for food midday in the summer, with their tail arched over their body like an umbrella, cooling them.
3. Found throughout the Southwest Arizona, they are not considered a game animal by the AZ Game & Fish Department and are protected.

#### Sources:

- Arizona Sonora Desert Museum: Animal Fact Sheet - Harris's Antelope Squirrel  
<https://www.desertmuseum.org/kids/oz/long-fact-sheets/Harris%27s%20Antelope%20ground%20Squirrel.php>