



New data on the areal and territorial distribution of the Siberian flying squirrel (*Pteromys volans* L.) in Eurasian boreal forests

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We studied historical change in areal abundance of flying squirrels (*Pteromys volans*) in 5 countries: Belarus, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, and Russia. We used data from direct observations and censuses, reports from hunters, incidental catches and materials from museums. In beginning of the 19th century, according to the first written sources, flying squirrels were present in nearly all of Latvia and Belarus. However, at present, this species has vanished from both countries. In Estonia, flying squirrels are now present in only 2 locations. In the last 50 years, flying squirrel habitat appears to have been reduced in part of north-west Russia (Murmansk region and northern part of Karelia, if we compare current data with range maps for the mid-20th century. We did not record any reduction of the range or abundance of flying squirrels in optimal habitats (e.g. taiga reserves in Russia).