Geert Weggen is a Dutch/Swedish international awarded photographer specialiced in photographing Red squirrels. His work is published wide abroad. In newspapers, books, television programs and magazines, like The National geographic magazine 3 times and a 10 page article in the Nphoto magazine, about his squirrel photo workshops.

He started with black and white photography in 1986. He did some photo workshops and had his dark room. He became a photographer of a youth magazine. Then he put away his camera and stopped with photography till the digital camera came out.

In the beginning of the digital camera he created mostly layer art from photos till 5 years back there was a fox standing before his door. Geert sprang back in to the house to bring some meat. The fox came back daily to get some food and during that time Geert took photos. In the end of that 2 weeks the fox started to come on the balcony and started interacting with props. Not long after that a russian bird came for some weeks and now the balcony had become a studio with props and nature material, like mushrooms, cameras, mirrors etc. The bird was following Geert and Geert was following the bird with the camera and created scenes with food. Not long after that the red squirrel and other birds appeared and they always came back to the studio.

Most photos he captures are taken from his kitchen window. The animals visit him on a daily base in his outside studio. About 6 years ago he finished bulding his house in a Swedish village called: Bispgården. He build a large balcony pointing to the south with a half open roof. This balcony located next to the kitchen became his studio. The snow and rain can come in and also the animals. The studio has the forest beside it. Here the animals come to find some food.

During these years the red squirrels have been used to flashes, camera noices and climb on the photographer. They have built a special relation.

In this studio Geert created a table of 2 by 1 meter and 90 cm high. It is the same high as the kitchen window and about 3 meters distance from it. On this table Geert create scenes where the squirrels and birds come to eat.

Geert is mostly known for his photos with squirrels and props. They driving horses, playing pool, skate, ski and do things which often gives a smile looking at the photos. A part of the props he is making him self and dialy he is looking online on fleemarkets for new props and ideas.

He just published a new book called “[Weihnachten bei den Eichhörnchen](https://www.spiegelburg-shop.de/produkt/63123/weihnachten-bei-den-eichhoernchen/)” which is available in the German bookstores. Beside that yearly a calendar is published by publisher Willowcreek and puzzles by Castorland.

Sinds last year he has been organising Squirrel workshops at his home. Max 3 people can join this wonderful 5 days workshop.

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