

Cornwall squirrel 'pack' attacks boy, three

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A squirrel from the group charged out of a hedge and sank its teeth into Finlay's hand five times

A three-year-old boy was left pouring with blood when he was attacked by a "pack" of squirrels as he fed them.

The animals pounced and bit Finlay Renouf five times at a country park in Cornwall, his mother Sophie, said.

"All of a sudden six of them came at him. I've never heard such a heart-rending scream. There was blood dripping everywhere," she said.

Cornwall Council said it may put up warning signs about feeding animals "if this becomes a regular problem".

Shop assistant Ms Renouf, 22, from Pool, said she had been to Tehidy Country Park several times before and fed the squirrels with Finlay.

"He was feeding them as normal with nuts. I wouldn't let him feed them if I thought there was any danger," she said.

"One squirrel came up and then all of a sudden six of them came out of the hedge.

"One of them bit him on the hand five times.

"There was blood pouring out of his hand and down his legs, it was all over him."