

## 10 FACTS ABOUT SKITTERMANDERS

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1. Though skittermander fur comes in a variety of colors, an individual skittermander's fur color bears no obvious correlation to her parents' fur colors or the environment in which she was born.
2. Skittermanders use their six arms to gesture a great deal while speaking; the positioning of their arms often changes the implications of their words, from great emphasis to withering sarcasm.
3. A skittermander's name grows as the skittermander ages and passes certain milestones. A name begins very short, usually no more than one syllable. New syllables are added with the passing of time or whenever the skittermander feels like it. Added syllables are often repetitive, and many skittermanders adopt parts of other alien names (particularly vesk names) into their own.
4. Skittermanders have a fluid outlook toward leadership, deferring to whomever has the most expertise to tackle the task at hand; the concept of permanent governance seems strange to them.
5. Most skittermanders become fascinated with a particular specific topic, whether it be the religious rites of a small sect of worshippers, the interplay of fundamental particles at a quantum level, or the native cuisine of a tiny ice-covered moon. Skittermanders learn everything they can about their chosen topics, even if the information seems useless to others.
6. An adult skittermander retains a whelp's ability to eat just about anything, and many get the urge to binge on a specific type of cuisine or a certain flavor of food for several days. This typically occurs immediately after getting a taste of a new type of food or flavor.
7. Though skittermanders can talk excitedly and at length about a topic (especially ones they are interested in), seemingly without needing to take a breath, they also fall into long bouts of silence when undertaking particularly challenging tasks.



8. Skittermanders don't understand why other species indulge in diversions and pastimes that give a false sense of fear. Skittermanders don't go on thrill rides (such as rollercoasters) or consume entertainment in the horror genre (such as scary vids).

9. Early skittermanders developed a series of myths and legends centered around the constellations of the night sky. Many skittermanders still hold these partially secular, partially spiritual beliefs; some religious scholars think this is a form of the faith of Irba the Inscrutable.

10. Skittermanders believe in the equality of all beings, no matter their race, creed, gender, or orientation.

