

School-to-Nature

CRICKET



GRASSHOPPER



Cricket and Grasshopper Comparison

CRICKET SPECIES:

- About one inch long.
- Lives less than one year.
- Nocturnal hunter. It is an omnivore, eating insects, fungi and plants.
- Hunted by lizards, frogs, toads, turtles and salamanders.
- Spends the days hidden in ground debris and cracks in the ground.
- Males (only) chirp by rubbing the wings together. Count the number of chirps in 15 seconds, and add 39, to tell the temperature!
- Can jump about 36 inches.

They are eaten by people in some cultures. They are a sign of good luck in Japan and China. They can be found in most locations except cold regions.

GRASSHOPPER SPECIES:

- ½ to 4 inches long, lots of sizes.
- Lives 1 full year.
- Diurnal (daytime) hunter. It is an herbivore, eating mostly grass and flower stems.
- Hunted by birds, spiders, mice and snakes.
- Camouflage coloring helps avoiding some predators. It spits as a defense against predators.
- Can make a clicking noise by rubbing their back leg against a wing.
- Can jump up to 30 inches.

They are eaten (usually fried) by people in other cultures, the same as crickets. They are found in almost every part of the earth.

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