

Animal Facts:

Grasshoppers and Crickets

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Grasshoppers are plant eating insects related to crickets, locusts and katydids.



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Grasshoppers belong to two main families - short horned, which includes locusts, and long horned, which includes katydids and crickets.



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Short horned grasshoppers have ears on the side of their body. Long horned grasshoppers have ears in their knees.



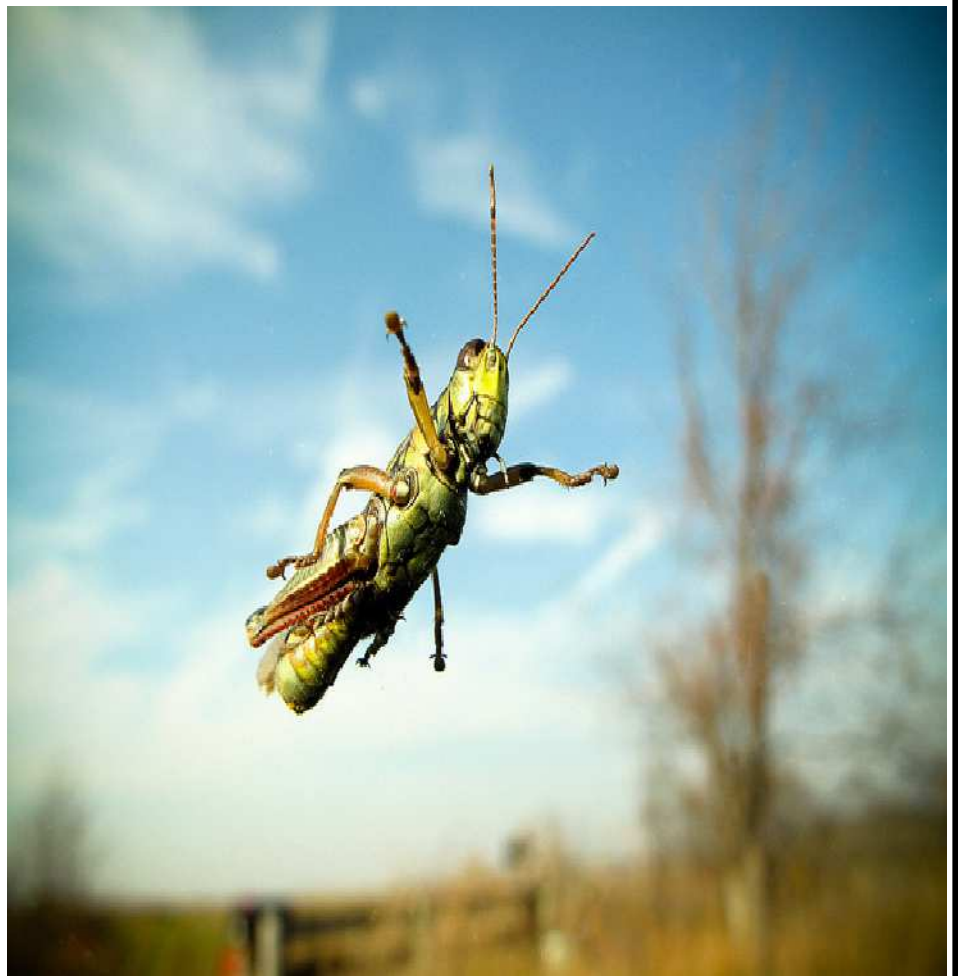
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Grasshoppers have powerful back legs, which allow them to jump huge distances.



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Some grasshoppers can leap more than 3 m.



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Grasshoppers
sing by
rubbing their
hind legs
across their
closed
forewings.



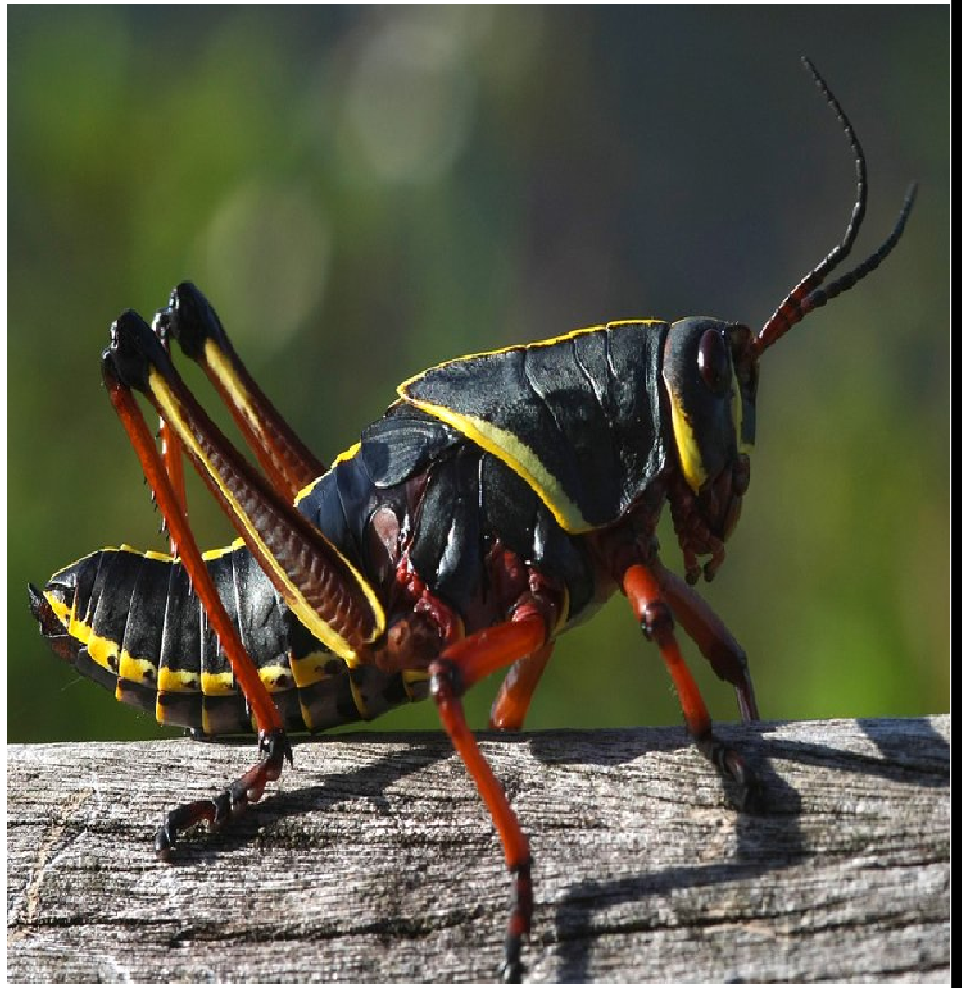
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A grasshoppers
singing is
called
stridulation.



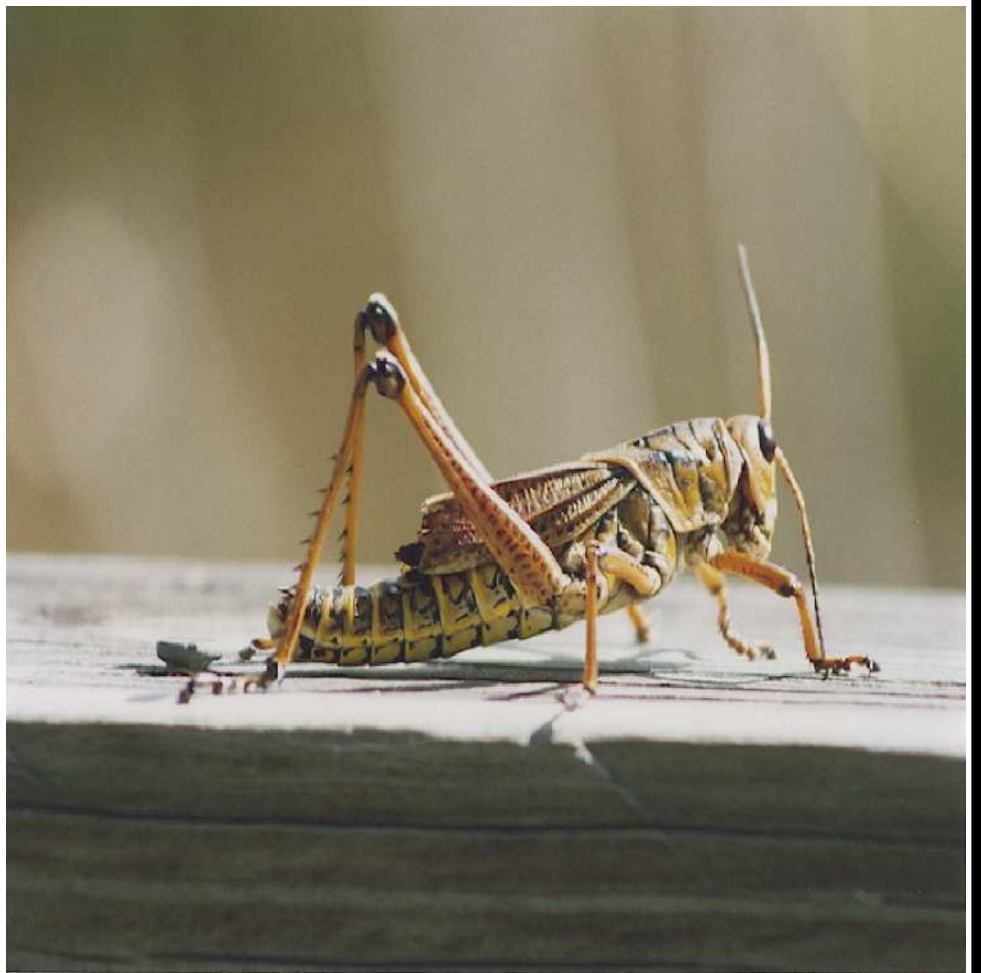
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A frightened
lubber
grasshopper
oozes a
horrible
smelling froth
from its
mouth.



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Crickets
chirrup faster
the warmer it
is.



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If you count the number of chirrups a snowy tree cricket gives in 15 seconds, then add 40, you get the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

