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Interesting Facts About Crickets

Crickets that are often found in houses are about 2 centimeters in length. Their natural color is usually hazel and there are black scars on the thorax. To differentiate the female from the male, look for an ovipositor. It is nothing but a long extension that is used to store the eggs in the soil. What makes crickets really interesting is that they have conspicuous jumping legs along with a pair of wings but surprisingly only one of them is used for flying.

The house crickets can be found anywhere including forests, old buildings, sloppy areas and suburbs etc. Most of the crickets cannot bear the cold weather and die during winter. Stridulation is a process by which the male crickets call the females for mating process by rubbing their wings together to produce a chirping sound. It is a shocking fact that the scientists can actually tell the exact temperature by the rate at which they chirp. It is because they chirp faster in warmer weather as compared to colder. The female crickets lay about 60 to 100 eggs which hatch in about two weeks. The crickets eat just about anything from garbage to insects, plastic and even young crickets.



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Questions

1. How can scientists find out the room temperature by observing the chirping of crickets?

2. How long the cricket eggs take to hatch?

3. How do the male crickets call for females to mate?

4. What is the name of the organ used for depositing eggs?

5. What do the house crickets usually eat?



Vocabulary Test

1. Thorax

- a. The middle of an insect's body
- b. Head
- c. Bottom part of an insect's body

2. Chirp

- a. Jump high
- b. Calling for mates
- c. A sound made by the insects

3. Extension

- a. Cut something
- b. A part added to something
- c. Throw something