

# Do you have **the bug?**

## GREAT GREEN

10-12mm

This male nymph Great Green Bush Cricket is tiny. If it survives this summer and the next, it may reach maturity and become great!

An adult Great Green Bush Cricket is one of the largest insects in the UK, particularly the female.



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20mm

The nymph will go through several stages of metamorphosis and with each one it gets bigger, but still not very easy to find among the grasses and scrub





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25mm

Another male just a little larger than previous. The males have two 'spikes' at the end of their abdomen.

This individual shows the first sign of wings developing.





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30mm

As the nymphs of both sexes develop, the brown line running along the top of the body becomes more pronounced.





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## 35mm (male)

The wings have developed a little more on this male cricket. The antennae have turned brown.




## 35mm (female)

Females have a long egg laying ovipositor at the end of their abdomen. It doubles the length of their body.






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A close-up photograph of a female cricket in the middle of molting. She is hanging from a green leaf, with her old, translucent skin partially detached and pulled away from her body. The new, vibrant green skin of her legs and wings is visible. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting a natural outdoor environment.

A female is completing the final change into a fully mature adult, pulling herself from the skin casing of her previous body.

A close-up photograph of a female cricket during its molting process. The cricket is positioned on a green leaf, with its old, pale skin being pulled away from its body. The new, bright green skin of its legs and wings is emerging. The background is a blurred green, indicating a natural habitat.

It's a slow process and the cricket is vulnerable in the process. Eventually she pulls out her ovipositor.

She will continue to pump fluids around her body, into her limbs and wings.



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This is a mature adult male with full length wings.

If you here the loud sewing machine like song of the Great Green Bush Cricket, it will be the mature males. Females do not sing





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Mature female with full length wings, which are obscuring its ovipositor.

An impressive insect which is carnivorous and possesses powerful jaws.

