# 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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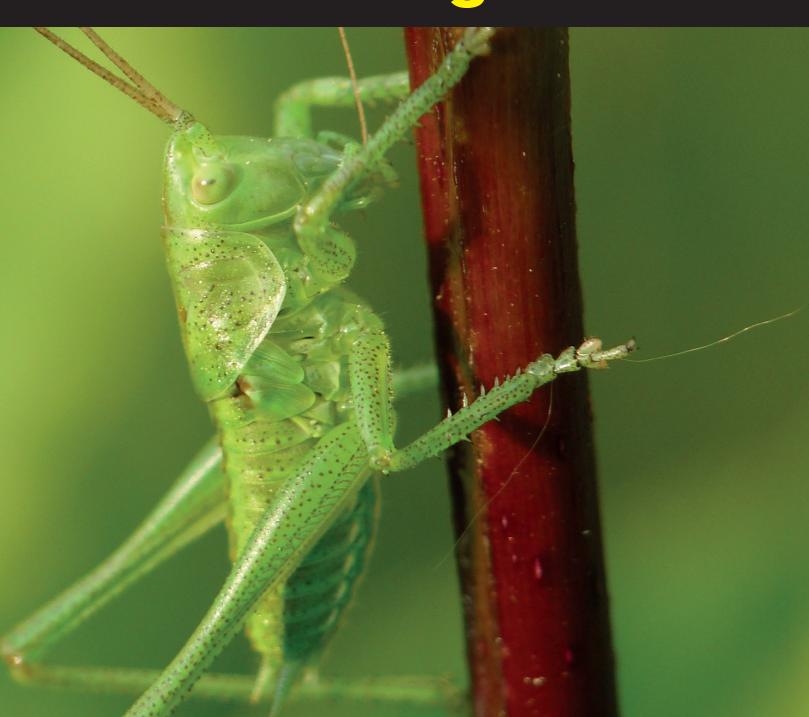
#### 20mm

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

#### 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.



#### 30mm

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

### 35mm (male)

The wings have devloped 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.

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

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

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

An impressive insect which is carnivorous and possesses powerful jaws.