

Latin name : Gryllus campestris

Size : up to 4.5 cm

Lifespan : up to 6 months

Field cricket

With its short, sturdy legs, the cricket digs burrows in the grassy soil, which you can easily see on the campsite. Its hind legs are adapted for jumping, but the insect's corpulence is not conducive to record-breaking, which reflects a certain logic, since in the face of danger the protection of the burrow is always preferred to flight.



Field crickets are solitary insects that are highly territorial. During the breeding season, there is strong competition between males and females. Fights often result in more or less mutual mutilation, or even the death of one of the protagonists.

This belligerent nature is not unique to country crickets, which is why "cricket fights" are so popular in Asia, particularly China. Crickets are bred, selected for their combativeness and virtually trained for this purpose, where a single blow from their mandibles can make or break the owner's fortune.