Grasshopper and Crickets

Crickets can be distinguished from grasshoppers by their very long antennae and female crickets in particular by the long ovipositor sticking out at the rear of the abdomen.

There are about thirty different species in England and the calcareous grass of the Ridge and the moist clay valley bottoms such as that heading off east towards Osmington are ideal habitat for a good selection. So if your garden lies close by you may chance upon an unusual stray.



Great Green Bush Cricket (Female) This is the largest cricket in the UK. Commonly found in gardens despite being nocturnal in habit.

Adults are usually heard from mid July to the end of October.