

Step into your backyard on an early summer morning and you might hear an orchestra of creatures. Chirp, croak, tweet, buzz! And when the sun sets, another group of creatures tunes up. Did you also know...

- ✓ Male cicadas are the loudest daytime insect singers. They use special abdominal organs called tymbals to make their noisy buzzing sound.
- ✓ During the day, the common true katydid's leaf-green color keeps it camouflaged. But at night, it sings "ch-ch-ch" from the treetops.
- ✓ Crickets and katydids rub a "scraper" on their hind leg against a "file" on the base of their forewing. It's like playing a violin!
- ✓ Each frog species has its own unique croak to attract a mate or warn other frogs to get out of its territory.

Help the crickets solve these problems.

Can you name these summer songsters?



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Make an origami cicada. Supplies: paper, markers or crayons

