



Cicada

Cicadas belong to the insect order Hemiptera. All insects in this order have a piercing/sucking mouthpart that works like a needle/straw combination!

Cicadas are large insects and suck out plant juice. They have gradual metamorphosis, which means they have an egg, nymph (young cicada), and adult stage. When they are nymphs, they live underground and feed on roots, and then emerge as adults. In some species, the young can even spend 13-17 years underground!

These are noisy insects! They are what you hear in late summer in the evenings...a loud, buzzing sound from the trees.