

A Bug's Life

Annual cicada

Neotibicen species

Fun facts

- Called dog-day cicadas because of the time of year they arrive
- Active July through September
- Camouflaged with trees they inhabit
- Drink sap from tree roots and twigs
- Develop underground and emerge from soil as adult
- Life span 4 to 6 weeks as adults

Identification

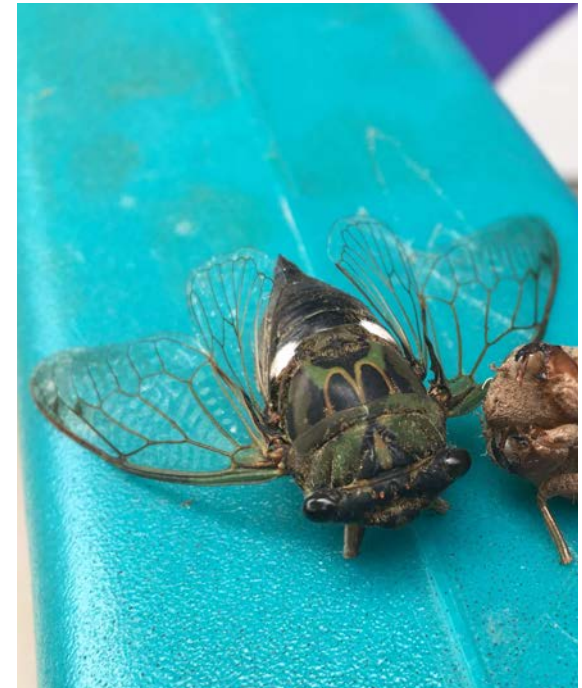
Nymph: Wingless, digging forelegs

Adult: Known for green, brown, black and white coloration, large, heavy body, clear wings

Sound: Males produce species-specific to attract mates with vibrating membranes on abdomen

Management

- Chemical treatment is not needed
- Very rarely are trees damaged due to cicada oviposition or feeding
- If the noise is bothersome, stay indoors during the times cicadas are calling
- Cicada killer wasps are natural enemies of cicadas



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