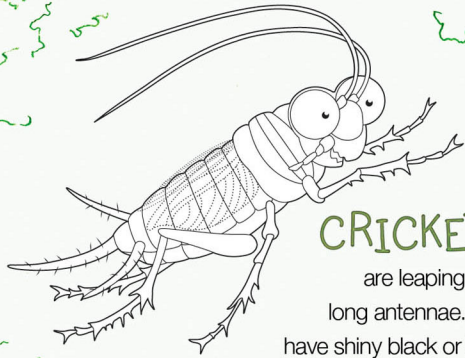
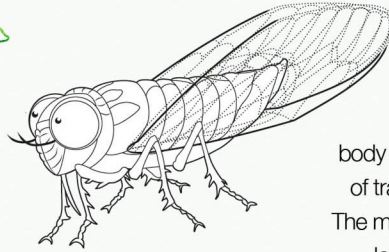


# Can you find these insects in your garden?

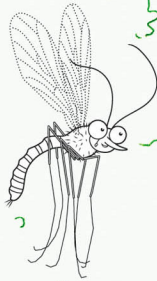


**CRICKETS** (rīreire) are leaping insects, with long antennae. They usually have shiny black or brown skins, and legs with barbs or prickles. The males attract females using soft, chirping noises made by rubbing their front wings together.



**CICADAS** (kihikihi) have dark brown or green camouflage colouring, a stout body and wide head, with two pairs of transparent wings and big eyes. The males sing to the females, using loud rhythmic clicks and buzzes produced by vibrating a sound box, like a little set of drums, under their abdomen.

**GNATS** (waeroa) are a type of tiny fly with two wings and delicate, long legs. Some of them bite people and animals. They usually live in large groups called clouds or swarms.



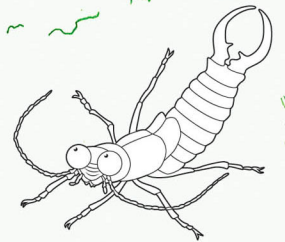
**FLIES** (ngaro) are small, winged insects that have two working wings, hairy bodies and large eyes. Houseflies and blowflies have mouths like sponges. They have to spit on food to turn it into liquid that they can suck up. This is how they can spread disease. They have a fast, wandering flight and make an annoying buzzing sound.



**MOTHS** (pēpeke) have four large wings like a butterfly, but unlike a butterfly they have feathery antennae and fly around at night, or in the evening, and are attracted to bright lights.



**EARWIGS** (matā) are slender insects, usually dark or blackish brown with two large, movable claws at the end of their abdomen. They like to hide in small spaces, sliding their bodies amongst leaves, and into flowers and fruit, all of which they love to eat.



**Then you could colour them in.**