



# Singing Insect Monitoring Program

Monitor Newsletter

February 2020

Thank you for submitting your recordings of singing insects in 2019! Below are highlights of what we found in our inaugural year in the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

## Most Frequently Recorded

### Sword-Bearing Conehead

*Neoconocephalus ensiger*

With its loud back-and-forth, this katydid was recorded everywhere from Deer Grove to Busse Woods to Cap Sauers Holding.



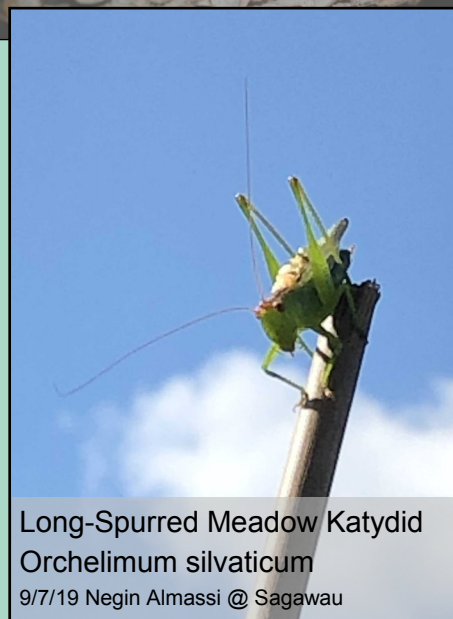
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## Most Challenging to Identify

### Meadow Katyids

*Genus Orchelimum*

Several monitors submitted recordings of meadow katyids, some with very soft or difficult to discern songs. Some of you are getting the hang of it! And we can practice more on monitor song walks in 2020.



Long-Spurred Meadow Katydid  
*Orchelimum silvaticum*  
9/7/19 Negin Almassi @ Sagawau

## Party Crasher

### Linne's and Scissor-Grinder Cicadas

*Genus Neotibicen*

You're out there trying to record a delicate cricket hiding somewhere in the leaf litter, and who insists on drowning all the other males out? Linne's and Scissor-Grinder Cicadas. But give them a break, things are going to get hard for them once the 17-year cicadas emerge.

## Thank You to Everyone Who Has Submitted Their Recordings in 2019!

**Jerry Attere, Cathy Bloome, Matt Fox, Zach Salus, and Sara Strother.** If you haven't submitted your recordings yet, it's not too late: [singinginsects@gmail.com](mailto:singinginsects@gmail.com). Include date, location, temperature if noted. Visit <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/singing-insects-monitoring-program> to see a map of 2019 recordings in the Chicago Wilderness area, including the Forest Preserves of Cook County.



Save the Date for Upcoming Programs. Visit [singinginsects.net](http://singinginsects.net) for more info.

- Wednesday, July 29 · Monitor Training @ Trailside Museum, 738 Thatcher Ave, River Forest
- Thursday, July 30 · Monitor Training @ Sagawau ELC, 12545 W 111th St, Lemont
- Wednesday, August 26 · Singing Insects Walk @ River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook