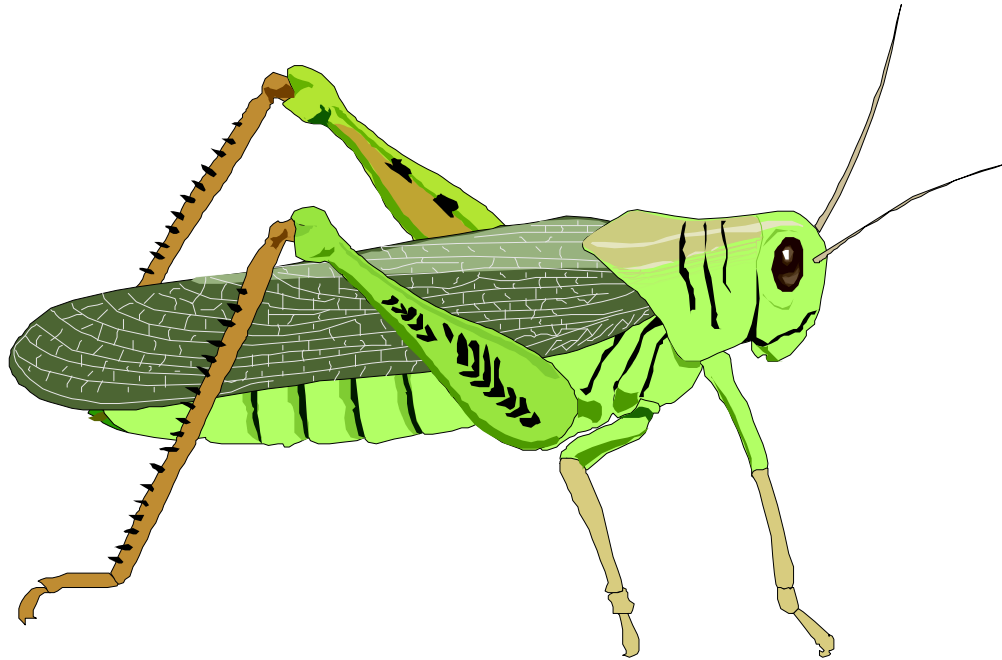


Grasshopper:



My Home: I am found in gardens, fields, on crops and forests in almost all climates worldwide.

What I eat: I am an herbivore, which means I eat only plants.

What I look like: I come in many sizes and up to 5 inches in length. I can walk, hop great distances and even fly. I have five eyes and no ears, but can still hear with a special organ on my abdomen called a tympanal organ. My large back legs are used for hopping and making music. My smaller front legs are used for eating and walking.

How I am born: I go through three stages of development: egg, nymph and adult. My egg is laid in the fall and will hatch during the spring. I hatch into a nymph, which looks like an adult grasshopper, but without wings. I shed my skin many times to grow. When I become an adult I have developed wings. I will live about one year.

Fun Facts: They make their sound (music) by rubbing their wings or legs together. They can jump 20 times the length of their body. That would be like a 6' man jumping 120 feet.

There are over 18,000 different species worldwide.