



## Classification

Cicada

<b>Kingdom:</b>	Animalia
<b>Phylum:</b>	Arthropoda
<b>Class:</b>	Hexapoda
<b>Order:</b>	Hemiptera
<b>Family:</b>	Cicadidae
<b>Species:</b>	<i>Cyclochila australasiae</i>
<b>Common Names:</b>	Cicada, Greengrocer

## Body

<b>Body Parts:</b>	3, head, thorax & abdomen
<b>Legs:</b>	6, attached to the thorax
<b>Wings:</b>	4, attached to the thorax, when resting folded backward across the abdomen.
<b>Eyes:</b>	Two compound eyes and three other eyes (ocelli) between the compound eyes
<b>Mouthparts:</b>	Piercing, sucking mouthparts (rostrum)
<b>Sound:</b>	Male cicadas have a sound organ (tymbal) on either side of the abdomen. The sound they make is used to attract females.

## Life History

<b>Habitat:</b>	The developing young (nymphs) spend many years underground whereas the adults live only a few weeks on trees and bushes.
<b>Life Cycle:</b>	Cicadas hide their eggs in tree bark and other vegetation. The newly hatched nymphs drop to the ground and dig into the soil where they spend many years drinking the sap from tree roots. When they are ready to emerge, they crawl out of the ground and shed their skin one last time. The dry skin is often found clinging to tree stems long after the animal has gone.
<b>Diet:</b>	Cicadas are herbivores and suck the sap of plants.

