

Return *of the* Singing Cicadas

After 17 years underground, Indiana's periodical cicadas are emerging this spring!

WHAT IS BROOD X?



There are 12 active broods of the 17-year periodical cicadas in the U.S. Each emerge in different years and in different regions. The "new" cicadas you will hear and see in Indiana this year are from Brood X.

LENGTHY LIFESPANS



Cicadas come in two basic types: annual and periodical. Both spend most of their lives underground, only emerging for their last few months of life. Annual cicadas emerge each year and live for two to five years. Periodical cicadas, on the other hand, emerge in large groups called broods and have an unbelievable lifespan of 13 or 17 years!

THEY COME IN PEACE



Cicadas are native and an important part of the ecosystem. They do little harm and don't need to be sprayed with pesticides.

EASY ON THE TREES



Females lay eggs in branches, which, in most cases, causes little damage to branches and twigs.



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