

Cricket Radio Tuning In The Night Singing Insects

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Cricket Radio

This exercise routine hosted by professional dancer and fitness expert Barbi Powers leads viewers through a complete ballet and classical dance inspired workout, designed to increase core strength, balance, and grace, all while teaching viewers the most popular poses and moves in modern dance and ballet. ~ Cammila Albertson, Rovi

Cricket Radio

At a time when night-singing insects have slipped beyond our notice—indeed, are more likely to be heard as NatureSounds than in a backyard—John Himmelman seeks to reconnect us to creatures whose songs form a part of our own natural history. On warm summer evenings, night-singing insects produce a whirring, chirping soundscape—a calming aural tapestry celebrated by poets and naturalists for millennia. But “cricket radio” is not broadcast for the easy-listening pleasure of humans. The nocturnal songs of insects are lures and warnings, full of risks and rewards for these tiny competitive performers. What moves crickets and katydids to sing, how they produce their distinctive sounds, how they hear the songs of others, and how they vary cadence, volume, and pitch to attract potential mates, warn off competitors, and evade predators is part of the engaging story Cricket Radio tells. Himmelman's narrative weaves together his personal experiences as an amateur naturalist in search of crickets and katydids with the stories of scientists who study these insects professionally. He also offers instructions for bringing a few of the little singers into our homes and gardens. We can, Himmelman suggests, be reawakened to these night songs that have meant so much to the human psyche. The online insect calls that accompany this colorfully illustrated narrative provide a bridge of sound to our past and to our vital connection with other species.

Guide to Night-singing Insects of the Northeast

Crickets, katydids, shieldbacks, coneheads, trigs, and angle-wings across the northeastern United States Full-color illustrations depict each insect in extraordinary detail Enclosed audio CD features songs and calls The mysteries behind the musical chirps, buzzes, and songs of the night are revealed in this guide to night-singing insects. Includes in-depth information on the three main families of these

insects-the katydids, mole crickets, and true crickets-as well as full-color illustrations showing the unique features of each species. Readers will learn where to find each species, what colors and physical attributes are important, how species compare with one another, and how various sounds can help identify a particular insect. Complete with an audio guide and CD, this package is the only resource readers will need to study these small yet amazing insects of the night.

Noisy Bug Sing-along

Listen to the "buggy" concert happening in your yard, or in the fields and woods nearby. What insects are making those sounds? Learn who is making what sound, and why. Sing along with them! This book is a wonderful introduction to the noisy, busy world of insects.

Discovering Moths

In lively, accessible prose, John Himmelman explains the intricacy of moths' life cycle, their importance in nature, and how just a tiny handful of the many moth species are truly pests to humans. He tells how to attract moths with lights and bait, when and where to observe them, and how best to photograph these tiny subjects. Entertaining personal anecdotes and short profiles of some of the country's foremost moth-ers add human interest. This new edition updates photos and information while focusing on states east of the Mississippi.

Late Light

This is a book about falling in love with vanishing things Late Light is the story of Michael Malay's own journey, an Indonesian-Australian-American making a home for himself in England and finding strange parallels between his life and the lives of the animals he examines. Mixing natural history with memoir, this book explores the mystery of our animal neighbours, in all their richness and variety. It is about the wonder these animals inspired in our ancestors, the hope they inspire in us, and the joy they might still hold for our children. Late Light is about migration, belonging and extinction. Through the close examination of four particular 'unloved' animals - eels, moths, crickets and mussels - Michael Malay tells the story of the economic, political and cultural events that have shaped the modern landscape of Britain. For readers of Robert Macfarlane, Raynor Winn and Helen Macdonald, Late Light is a rich blend of memoir, natural history, nature writing, and a meditation on being and belonging, from a vibrant new voice.

Concealing Coloration in Animals

Color can attract mates, intimidate enemies, and distract predators. But it can also conceal animals from detection. It is an adaptation to the visual features of the environment but also to the perceptual and cognitive capabilities of other organisms. Judy Diamond and Alan Bond reveal factors at work in the evolution of concealing coloration.

Mouse in a Meadow

An introduction to the animal and plant life found in a typical North American meadow.

A Pill Bug's Life

Examines the life cycle of a Nature Upclose: A Pill Bug's Life

Science

Features animals, insects, and plants in a bog.

Frog in a Bog

A surefire hit with young backyard diggers and bug-watchers, Basic Illustrated Guide to Frogs, Snakes, Bugs, and Slugs combines detailed illustrations of bugs, slugs, snakes, toads, and other creepy crawlies with clear and kid-friendly information to help the young bug-lover identify what's crawling up the tree, buzzing in his ear, or hiding under a log.

Basic Illustrated Guide to Frogs, Snakes, Bugs, and Slugs

Relates the amusing adventures of a family of inventors.

The Great Leaf Blast-off!

Listen closely to the sounds, often very loud, that frogs make without ever opening their mouths. Together they make a concert!

Noisy Frog Sing-Along

Examines the life cycle of a Nature Upclose: A Luna Moth's Life

A Luna Moth's Life

A deeply panoramic tour of the night, from its brightest spots to the darkest skies we have left. A starry night is one of nature's most magical wonders. Yet in our artificially lit world, three-quarters of Americans' eyes never switch to night vision and most of us no longer experience true darkness. In *The End of Night*, Paul Bogard restores our awareness of the spectacularly primal, wildly dark night sky and how it has influenced the human experience across everything from science to art. From Las Vegas' Luxor Beam -- the brightest single spot on this planet -- to nights so starlit the sky looks like snow, Bogard blends personal narrative, natural history, science, and history to shed light on the importance of darkness -- what we've lost, what we still have, and what we might regain -- and the simple ways we can reduce the brightness of our nights tonight.

The End of Night

Illustrations and simple text follow the daily activities of a ladybug through its life cycle, from summer to fall.

A Ladybug's Life

Simpson Snail learns to sing. Puffin Easy-To-Read Level 2.

Simpson Snail Sings

Introducing Isabel, aka Bunjitsu Bunny! She is the BEST bunjitsu artist in her school, and she can throw farther, kick higher, and hit harder than anyone else! But she never hurts another creature . . . unless she has to. This series of brief stories about Isabel's adventures are a beguiling combination of child-friendly scenarios and Eastern wisdom perfect for the youngest readers.

Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny

In the spring of 2013 the cicadas in the Northeastern United States will yet again emerge from their seventeen-year cycle—the longest gestation period of any animal. Those who experience this great sonic invasion compare their sense of wonder to the arrival of a comet or a solar eclipse. This unending rhythmic cycle is just one unique example of how the pulse and noise of insects has taught humans the meaning of rhythm, from the whirr of a cricket's wings to this unfathomable and exact seventeen-year beat. In listening to cicadas, as well as other humming, clicking, and thrumming insects, *Bug Music* is the first book to consider the radical notion that we humans got our idea of rhythm, synchronization, and dance from the world of insect sounds that surrounded our species over the millions of years over which we evolved. Completing the trilogy he began with *Why Birds Sing* and *Thousand Mile Song*, David Rothenberg explores a unique part of our relationship with nature and sound—the music of insects that has provided a soundtrack for humanity throughout the history of our species. *Bug Music* continues Rothenberg's in-depth research and spirited writing on the relationship between human and animal music, and it follows him as he explores insect influences in classical and modern music, plays his saxophone with crickets and other insects, and confers with researchers and scientists nationwide. This engaging and thought-provoking book challenges our understanding of our place in nature and our relationship to the creatures surrounding us, and makes a passionate case for the interconnectedness of species.

Bug Music

Graham's new invention combines with a big snowfall to force his busy beaver family to take a day off from their chores.

The Day-off Machine

Every kind of bird has their very own kind of sound! Cheerful sounds, mournful sounds, sweet sounds, weird sounds. You can tell who they are without even opening your eyes. And what fun to sing along!

Noisy Bird Sing-Along

Depicts a house spider going about its daily life and through its entire life cycle.

A House Spider's Life

Where does music come from? What kind of agency does a song have? What is at the root of musical pleasure? Can music die? These are some of the questions the Greeks and the Romans asked about music, song, and the soundscape within which they lived, and that this book examines. Focusing on mythical narratives of metamorphosis, it investigates the aesthetic and ontological questions raised by fantastic stories of musical origins. Each chapter opens with an ancient text devoted to a musical metamorphosis (of a girl into a bird, a nymph into an echo, men into cicadas, etc.) and reads that text as a meditation on an aesthetic and ontological question, in dialogue with 'contemporary' debates – contemporary with debates in the Greco-Roman culture that gave rise to the story, and with modern debates in the posthumanities about what it means to be a human animal enmeshed in a musicking environment.

Music and Metamorphosis in Graeco-Roman Thought

Up and down describe not only lovable Simpson Snail's spirits but where his travels take him--whether it is up a tree, or up in the air and down again. Full-color illustrations.

The Ups and Downs of Simpson Snail

Examines the life cycle of a Nature Upclose: A Mealworm's Life

A Mealworm's Life

Have you ever wondered how some of nature's smallest creatures spend their days? Here's your chance to take a scientifically accurate peek into the life of the slug (Limax). Striking illustrations and lively storyline capture the real life changes for this small animal as it hunts for food, faces its enemies, and interacts with humans. Slugs are closely related to snails. They both have shells, but a slug's shell is small, and hidden under its skin. Land slugs live in moist places. They spend the day under stones and logs and come out at night to feed. Slugs eat a variety of plants and mushrooms. There is no such thing as a male or female slug. Every slug is a hermaphrodite (her-maf-fro-dyte)-sometimes it plays the role of male, and sometimes female. All slugs can lay eggs. As slugs move from place to place, they leave behind a slimy trail. The slime is similar to the mucus that runs down the back of your throat when you have a cold. The thick, slippery slime is produced by a gland in the slug's foot. The slime makes it easier for the slug to glide along the ground. The next time you spot a slug's slime trail, see if you can follow it to its hideout. Other books in this series: f A Hummingbird's Life f A Luna Moth's Life f A Wood Frog's Life f A Mealworm's Life f A Mouse's Life

A Slug's Life

In John Himmelman's early chapter book series, Albert Hopper is a frog—and a science hero! He seeks to explore the world and beyond, generating laughs and imparting STEM wisdom as he goes. Science Hero Albert Hopper and trusty Junior Science Heroes Polly and Tad are ready for their next adventure. This time, they're blasting through the solar system! As the heroes float through the sulphuric acid clouds of Venus, dodge the solar flares of the sun, and weather the space storms of Jupiter, their science smarts are put to the test. Anything can happen on this hilarious ride in Albert Hopper, Science Hero: Blasting Through the Solar System.

Albert Hopper, Science Hero: Blasting Through the Solar System!

Have you ever wondered how some of nature's smallest creatures spend their days? Here's your chance to take a scientifically accurate peek into the life of a Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*), beginning with egg-laying. Striking illustrations and a lively storyline capture the real life challenges of the hummingbird. The author also includes a glossary of unfamiliar words. Hummingbirds are among the smallest birds in the world. They are the only birds that can fly up, down, forward, and backward. They can even hover in place. Ruby-throated hummingbirds live in the eastern half of the United States. Metallic green feathers cover their backs, and males have a bright red throat. In autumn, they migrate to Mexico or Central America. In the spring, they fly north to find a mate. Females usually lay two navy bean-sized eggs in a nest made of plant fibers, spider webs, and bark. These birds usually cover the outside of their nest with lichen so it is difficult for predators to spot them. During the summer, hummingbirds eat insects and sip nectar with their tongues. If you hang a hummingbird feeder in your yard, hummingbirds may come to feed on the sugary water inside it. Other books in The Nature Upclose Series f A Woodfrog's Life f A Luna Moth's Life f A Mealworm's Life f A Mouse's Life f A Slug's Life

A Hummingbird's Life

Follow the monarch butterfly as it hunts for food, faces its enemies, and interfaces with humans.

A Monarch Butterfly's Life

While helping them, Tudley the turtle adopts his fellow animals' behaviors--flying like a hummingbird, calling like a katydid, and flashing like a firefly--but learns about his own special talent when they help him out of his own trouble.

Tudley Didn't Know

A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection! In John Himmelman's early chapter book series, Albert Hopper is a frog—and a science hero! He seeks to explore the world and beyond, generating laughs and imparting STEM wisdom as he goes. Albert Hopper, Science Hero is on a mission: to travel to the center of the earth! With his wormlike ship Wiggles and the help of his niece and nephew, trusty Junior Science Heroes Polly and Tad, Hopper is ready to go where no frog has gone before. Thick layers of rock and rubble, tunnels of lava, and temperatures of 6,000 degrees stand between our heroes and their prize. Will they make it? Find out in this funny and informative adventure.

Albert Hopper, Science Hero

Examines the life cycle of a Nature Upclose: A Mouse's Life

A Mouse's Life

Jat is a boy who wants more from life than collecting coal from the Fire Sea. Newton is a misfit giant, cast out of his homeland for his love of science and reading. Brought together by chance, the two become the best of friends. But when enemy giants threaten to ruin everything, it's up to Jat and Newton to defend Jat's village, leading to the journey of a lifetime.

The Giant from the Fire Sea

Isabel is back! The best bunjitsu artist in her class, she can throw farther, kick higher, and hit harder than anybunny else. But her strongest weapon is her mind! With even more fun, adventures, and wisdom than before, author/artist John Himmelman continues to charm in this beguilingly funny series of adventures.

Bunjitsu Bunny's Best Move

Farmer Greenstalk and his family have the darnedest luck. Broken-down tractors, kites stuck in trees—they're always having problems! It's a good thing they have such helpful farm animals on hand. This time around, the pigs want to pitch in, and boy, do they ever! The Greenstalks soon find, though, that life might just be a little easier without their help... Pigs to the Rescue is a 2011 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

Pigs to the Rescue

Have you ever wondered how some of nature's smallest creatures spend their days? Here's your chance to take a scientifically accurate peek into the life of a wood frog, (*Rana Sylvatica*), beginning with egg-laying. Striking illustrations and a lively storyline capture the real life challenges of the wood frog. The author also includes a glossary of unfamiliar words. Wood frogs are common throughout eastern North America. In fact, they live as far north as the Arctic Circle! Each spring, wood frogs gather in shallow pools of temporary water. The frogs reproduce in these pools because there are no fish to eat their eggs or tadpoles. Wood frogs spend the rest of the year in the woods where food is more plentiful. They are safest in wooded areas because their skin blends with dead leaves. In winter, wood frogs hibernate under those leaves. They have a special chemical in their blood that keeps them from freezing solid. Male wood frogs use their voice to attract females. When he forces air out of his lungs, it passes over the vocal cords in his throat. The vocal cords vibrate and give off sound. The air also causes vocal sacs in the frog's throat and sides to puff out and make his call louder. Other books in The Nature Upclose Series f A Hummingbird's Life f A Luna Moth's Life f A Mealworm's Life f A Mouse's Life f A Slug's Life

A Wood Frog's Life

A young girl, who loves to draw, befriends a goldfish and uses her drawings to help him escape from the fishermen.

Ellen and the Goldfish

Meet the most heroic chickens in town! On Monday, Farmer Greenstalk dropped his watch down the well. . . . On Tuesday, Mrs. Greenstalk was too tired to make dinner. . . . Who will help the poor Greenstalk family? Chickens to the rescue! The amazing chickens on the Greenstalk farm race to help various family members and farm animals every day of the week. Every day until Sunday, that is, when Emily Greenstalk has a little trouble . . . John Himmelman's expressive illustrations are filled with the kind of hilarious details that will delight young readers. "The fun here comes from all the frenzy in the pictures, and it will take kids more than one look to see all the silliness." - Booklist

Chickens to the Rescue

Isabel is the best bunjitsu artist in her class. She can throw farther, kick higher, and hit harder than anybunny else. But her strongest weapon is her mind! This third Bunjitsu Bunny book follows Isabel as she makes friends, faces her fears, and more!

Bunjitsu Bunny Jumps to the Moon