INFORMATION SHEET

Cicadas are insects known for their mating song sung by males. There are more than 3,000 species of cicada worldwide. Most cicadas live for 2 to 5 years and are active during the end of spring and early summer. One species of cicada however, the Magicada, found in Eastern North America is a periodical cicada and it has a 17 year life cycle. These cicadas spend almost all of their lives underground and only emerge for a few weeks after 17 years to mate, lay eggs and then die.

Each cicada has a distinct colour pattern and from this they get their names. See if you can match the cicadas to their names.

RED EYE GOLDEN EMPEROR BLUE MOON

ORANGE DRUMMER BROWN BAKER BLACK PRINCE

GREEN GROCER WHITE DRUMMER