

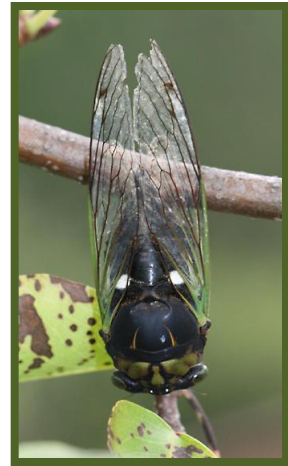
What Does this Species Look Like?

Size: 1-2 inches

Color: Black with green markings,
transparent wings

General: Wings extend past the body

Usually Found: Suburban
neighborhoods, parks, woodlands,
forests



Did You Know?

- Annual cicadas (*Tibicen sp.*) are more often heard than seen. Males make a loud, pulsating, sawlike buzz to attract females on late spring and summer days.
- Males produce their buzzing song by using special structures found on their abdomen, called tymbals.
- There are seven species of periodical cicadas, which appear every 13 or 17 years. All other cicadas are called annual cicadas, because they reappear every spring.
- The annual cicada is a flying insect with a lifespan of 2-8 years.

What am I Observing?

The timing (date) of:

- The first time a cicada is seen
- The first time a cicada is heard

Why Collect this Data?

This species is being monitored as a part of the Eastern PA Phenology Program to determine if this insect is impacted by environmental changes.

Want to Find Out More?

Contact Diane Husic, Audubon *TogetherGreen* Fellow,
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How Do I Report this Data?

Observations can be reported as comments to the Eastern PA Phenology Blog:
<http://watchingtheseasons.blogspot.com/>
or sent to phenology@lgnc.org

What is Phenology? According to the National Phenology Network, phenology refers to the study of “recurring plant and animal life cycle stages, or phenophases, such as leafing and flowering, maturation of agricultural plants, emergence of insects, and migration of birds.”

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