

Orthoptera  
In Haddenham (Cambs) parish.  
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**BUSH CRICKETS.** *Tettigoniidae.*

Oak Bush-cricket      *Meconema thalissinum.*

Common in bushy situations and especially in gardens. Often comes to lighted windows in autumn.

July-November.

Great Green Bush-cricket.      *Tettigonia viridissima*

Lives in colonies. A quite large one exists along the banks of the Old West River. It can be found from the southern end of Hoghill Drove to near the Aldreth High Bridge including the south and western edges of Nineacre Wood. This is one of only two colonies in Cambridgeshire and is also one of the most northerly in the U.K.

July – early November.

Dark Bush-cricket.      *Pholidoptera griseoptera.*

Found mostly where there are small to large heaps of rotting straw, grass or other decaying vegetation. Also frequents bramble patches and other dense vegetation.

July – October.

Roesel's Bush-cricket      *Metrioptera roeselii.*

This species has arrived in the parish in the last 10 years and now can be found in all long grass situations.

June- November

Long-winged Cone-head.      *Conocephalus discolor.*

So far found mainly near Nineacre Wood in long grass and dead stems of plants like Lesser Burdock. Often rests out in the open but like all of this family will jump away if disturbed. Probably under recorded in parish.

July-October.

Speckled Bush-cricket      *Leptophyes punctatissima.*

Can be found in similar situations as Oak Bush-Cricket, and also often comes to lit windows.

July-November.

**TRUE CRICKETS**      *Gryllidae.*

House Cricket      *Acheta domesticus.*

Now rarely found in lived in houses. Likes rotting vegetation like muckheaps and old uninhabited buildings.

All year in buildings but does come out in hot summers.

**GRASSHOPPERS. *Acrididae***  
**Contributed by Rob Partridge.**

Field Grasshopper     *Chorthippus brunneus*

A widespread and often common species, the Field Grasshopper favours areas of short, sparse turf where it can often be seen basking in full sun. It is likely to be seen and heard giving its short chirps in most suitable places in the parish, and is the species most likely to be encountered in gardens.

Meadow Grasshopper     *Chorthippus parallelus*

Another relatively common grasshopper but one which prefers a slightly longer and greener sward than the Field Grasshopper. As a result, it is not encountered quite as often as the species above but can be numerous where it is found. Drove sides and verges and the less heavily grazed river-banks near Aldreth are likely places.

Lesser Marsh Grasshopper     *Chorthippus albomarginatus*

This species has increased considerably both in range and numbers in recent decades; in many sites in Cambridgeshire it is now the most numerous grasshopper. It is found in a variety of situations but always favours quite long grasses. It is frequent along the sides of droves in the parish.