

Tree Crickets

On rare occasion tree crickets (*Oecanthus* species) have been found in hemp. These are pale green crickets, colored to blend with the vegetation on which they live. Some species will develop on trees and shrubs, but others are more commonly found on lower growing plants, including many flowering plants.

Like their relatives the grasshoppers tree crickets will chew on leaves. Unlike grasshoppers, tree crickets lay their eggs inserted into stems of plant. Eggs are the overwintering stage and they usually hatch in late spring. Immature stages are present in early summer with mature adults present in late summer.

The presence of tree crickets in hemp likely result from their movement from flowers, shrubs and other plants around the edge of fields on which they lay their eggs. It is unknown if tree crickets will lay their eggs in hemp; if they do these eggs would be normally killed at harvest.

Orthoptera: Gryllidae



A nearly full-grown tree cricket found on hemp



Minor leaf chewing thought to have been produced by a tree cricket.