

COMMON FIELD GRASSHOPPER

The Latin name for this grasshopper is *Chorthippus brunneus*.

Grasshopper is a common name for any of the winged orthopteran insects that have their hind legs adapted for jumping. They subsist on vegetation and are distributed throughout the world wherever vegetation grows.

The Common Field grasshopper is one of the largest and most common British grasshoppers. It has a wide range of habitats, for example, fields, dunes, open woodlands and city waste ground, but it mostly prefers dry situations. It is very active and a strong flier in hot sunshine.

It is a medium to large grasshopper, reaching about 3cm when mature. It is very variable in colour, though most often brown, green or grey, with wings that are longer than the body. Distinctive features are the sharply indented side keels on the thorax and a very hairy underside.

The call of this species is a brief burst of sound, repeated irregularly, which is heard from late June to mid-November, sometimes later.