

Periodical Cicada and Prey

Lesson Title: Periodical Cicada Survival

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Using what you've learned about periodical cicadas and prey defense strategies in this lesson, answer these questions.

- What does the cicada eat for most of its life?
- About how long does the periodical cicada spend as an adult?
- How long do periodical cicadas live underground?
- Why does the periodical cicada emerge from the ground?
- Which is more vulnerable to prey, an adult cicada or an underground nymph? Why?
- The emergence of the periodical cicada in such large numbers is an example of which defense strategy? How does it help the periodical cicada?
- What is another defense strategy described in this lesson? How does it work?
- Where does the female cicada lay its eggs?
- What happens to the eggs?