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CICADAS ARE COMING—WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THE RARE, DOUBLE BROOD

Find out when periodic cicadas will emerge, what you need to be prepared, and when they'll return



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The air will soon be abuzz with the drone of **billions of cicadas**, assuming they aren't already out in your area.

In a rare event, two periodical cicadas, Brood XIII and Brood XIX, will emerge simultaneously — so rare, in fact, that these two particular broods only appear at the same time every 221 years.

While the two broods' range **only narrowly overlaps in Illinois**, we're still dealing with twice as many cicadas as usual.

For some, **tracking cicadas** will be exciting, while for others, the dead carcasses, potentially ruined plants, and mist of cicada pee (**yes, you read that right**) will be frustrating (and disgusting). We're here to make cicada season a bit less of a buzzkill of summer vibes. Below, find out when cicadas come out and shop the best products to navigate their emergence.

What makes the 2024 cicada season special?

2024 is a **special year** for periodic cicadas because it marks the first time in 221 years that the 17-year Brood XIII and the 13-year Brood XIX will co-emerge at the same time.

Do cicadas bite?

Seeing as they don't have mouths (at least not the way we do), no, **cicadas do not bite**. They aren't dangerous in the slightest.

How loud are cicadas?

In a large group, cicadas' buzz is about as **loud as a lawnmower**, which is 100 decibels.

When will the double cicada broods emerge?

Cicada emergence is **tied to temperature** — cicadas emerge once soil reaches 64°F. As a result, it's possible that Southern states could see cicadas as early as April or May while states in the Midwest might not see them until May or June.

On average, periodical cicadas emerge in early May and live for about a month before dying in late June.

When will the double cicada emergence happen again?

Brood XIII and Brood XIX will not emerge simultaneously again until 2245. Two different broods, Broods XIX and IX will emerge simultaneously in 2037. The next time two adjacent broods (broods with relatively close ranges) will emerge is in 2076 with Broods XIX and XIV.

Where will the double cicada broods emerge?

Brood XIX has the **largest range** of all the periodical cicada broods and will appear in parts of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Vermont. As the name "the Northern Illinois Brood" suggests, Brood XIII's range is a bit more conservative, and these cicadas will only be found in parts of Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Iowa. The range of the broods will only intersect in select counties of Illinois.

What do you need for cicada season? Shop must-have products to stay prepared

Pest control for your yard



Ortho BugClear Insect Killer for Lawns & Landscapes

Keep pests out your yard with this spray.

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Protect your lawn, trees, shrubs, and gardens as soon as you see any bugs with this Ortho BugClear Insect Killer for Lawns. This top-rated treatment offers long-lasting bug control and the brand says it works instantly.

Pool cleaner and cover to keep your pool tidy



AIPER Seagull Pro Cordless Robotic Pool Cleaner

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If you have a pool, you'll need to get the cicadas out of there, too. With a robotic pool cleaner, you won't have to physically scoop out the cicadas yourself. **One of the best in class** is the Dolphin Nautilus CC Plus, which has great suction and easy-to-clean filters.



Intex 28014E 16 Foot Solar Protective Round Pool Cover

Keep cicadas out of your pool by covering it up when not in use.

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To prevent the cicadas from falling into your water at all, we recommend using a pool cover such as the **best solar cover** around the **Intex 16-Foot Recreation Solar Cover**. This is a quality cover because it's lightweight and reduces water evaporation by 95%.

Rake to clean up after cicadas



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Rake up dead cicadas if they end up in your yard in June.

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Dealing with the sound of cicadas is relatively simple; contending with the veritable graveyard of cicada carcasses come late June is another entirely. Lest you want to deal with a crunchy, smelly yard during some of the hottest days of summer, you'll need to work fast to clean up the mess with a good rake. The best rake we've tested is the **Truper Tru Tough 24-inch Leaf Rake** because it's lightweight, comfortable, and comes with a generous 25-year warranty.

- **Reviewed-approved: Shop the best rakes we've ever tried**

Handheld dustpan and broom to clean your patio clean-up



Casabella Wayclean Handheld Angled, Medium, Gray Dustpan and Brush Set

Use this handheld dustpan for hard-to-reach corners in your yard.

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Depending on where the cicadas end up, you might need to get up close and personal with the cicadas to clean them up. We recommend using a handheld dustpan and broom to sweep them up. This option has **over 5,000 five-star reviews on Amazon** because the broom is maneuverable and fits into the dustpan for convenient storage.

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No matter how you clean up the cicadas, you'll need somewhere to keep them before trash day. A lawn bag such as this durable bag from Lowe's will work well to keep them out of sight with the rest of your lawn refuse until you're ready to throw them out.

Garden net to protect your greenery



Deer Fence Netting

Keep cicadas from your young trees.

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Cicadas lay eggs into tiny slits they make in tree branches. While this poses no problems for adult trees, the weight may be too much if you have growing saplings. To protect their branches, we recommend covering them up with a garden net to keep the cicadas from getting to them. Over **4,000 buyers gave this net five-star reviews** thanks to its durability and effectiveness at keeping pests from plants.

Pruning shears to clear away branches and detract bugs



FELCO F-2 068780 Classic Manual Hand Pruner

Another way to deter cicadas is by pruning branches.

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Since cicadas are attracted to branches, they can use to lay eggs, one way to keep cicadas out of your yard is to **prune overhanging branches**, making it a less attractive destination for the bugs. Not only does this ward away cicadas, but it will also keep your trees happy and healthy. The best pruning shears we've tested are the **Felco 2** because of their versatility, durability, and ease of replacing.

- **Shop all the best pruning shears we've tested**

Headphones to mask cicada sounds



Sony WH-1000XM4 Wireless Premium Noise Canceling Overhead Headphones

Block out the sound of the cicadas with our favorite headphones.

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Some of us find the mating call of cicadas a soothing drone that brings to mind simpler times, others of us decidedly do not. If you fall squarely in the latter camp, we recommend using our favorite pair of headphones, **the Sony WH-1000XM4**. Not only

can you play music with the headphones' great audio quality to drown out the incessant call of the cicadas, but you can also simply muffle it using the headphone's excellent noise cancellation.

- **The best headphones we've tested from Sony, Apple, Anker**

Read more about cicadas

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- **How to keep up your yard care with double brood cicadas out**
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