

Species of the Month 07/2018 || Cicada

31 July 2018 || TO NUS Community

NUS Students Against Violation of the Earth (SAVE) and the Office of Environmental Sustainability present “Campus in a Tropical Rainforest”, an initiative that aims to create awareness of the biodiversity that surrounds us in NUS. In each monthly issue, we will be featuring a species that can be spotted or found in NUS to help us get to know them better. So, if you happen to be travelling around campus between classes, remember to stop and look around your surroundings, for you may be surprised to come across some of the other inhabitants of NUS.

NUSSAVE PRESENTS:

Campus In a Tropical Rainforest

SPECIES OF THE MONTH
ISSUE #30: JULY 2018








Photo by: Spencer Yau

Cicada
Species: *Purana usnani*
Family: Cicadoidea

 Appearance	 Habitat	 Diet	 Fun Facts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Large insect (about 2-2.5cm) with long, clear wings that extend past its bodyCompound eyes are widely spaced apart	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Often found on the bark of trees in both forest and urban habitatsYou can keep a lookout for them around campus, especially where there are more trees such as the linkway between Central Library and Yusof Ishak House	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Like other true bugs, cicadas have sucking mouthparts, which they use to feed on plant sap from the xylem tube	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If you experience rain under just one particular tree, it might be “cicada rain”, where the cicadas excrete excess plant sap from their rears at the same time!Each cicada species has a unique song. Males make the sounds using their tymbals, which are membrane-like organs to attract mates and deter predators.

Initiative by:



Supported by:



Check out other sightings of NUS biodiversity on the Campus Creatures Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/campuscreatures/>

You can also join the community in spotting the flora and fauna in NUS by sharing your sightings with pictures on the Campus Creatures Facebook page and Instagram the photos with #NUSCiTR and #NUSbiodiversity.