

MEADOW GRASSHOPPER

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

This is a small to medium grasshopper, with the female being noticeably larger than the male, reaching about 3cm. The colour varies from green to brown or occasionally purplish. They have short wings and are unable to fly.

Adults are found from the end of June to late October. The males produce a very short, chattering song on warm days and occasionally at night. This sound can be compared to an old-fashioned sewing machine and lasts about 3 seconds.

They are frequently found in gardens where there is longer grass, especially if it is slightly damp.