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## Where Do Crickets Call Home?

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Crickets hide during the day to avoid predators, as staying hidden reduces their chances of being eaten by birds or other animals.
2. At night, you might hear crickets chirping in the garden. They are active at night because it is safer and cooler, and they can look for food without being easily seen by predators.
3. Crickets are important because they recycle nutrients, help break down plant material, and are a food source for many animals, keeping ecosystems in balance.
4. If crickets could not live in warm environments, their population would decrease because they wouldn't have the food, shelter, or climate they need to survive.

