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Crickets: Tiny Musicians of the Night

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Crickets are important to nature because they help recycle nutrients by eating plants and seeds, and they are a food source for many animals.
2. Crickets make their chirping sound by rubbing one wing against the other. Only male crickets chirp to attract female crickets as part of their mating behavior.
3. At night, you might notice crickets chirping, jumping, or moving around to find food and mates while avoiding predators.
4. Without crickets, many animals would lose a source of food, and dead plant material might not decompose as efficiently, disrupting ecosystems.

