

The *Grasshopper*, the *Locust*, the *Cicada*, the *Cricket* and the *Mole Cricket*, form a tribe of little animals, which, though they differ in size and colour, perfectly resemble each other in figure, appetites, nature, and transformation. Their differences, however, are sufficiently strong to render each family easily distinguishable, and they are held in a very different degree of estimation by mankind, some being considered as harmless, amusing insects, while others are condemned as the most destructive animals in nature: but possibly, as an ingenious author remarks, “if these animals be separately considered, the devouring locust is not in the least more mischievous than the musical grasshopper; the only difference is, that one species comes for food in a swarm, the other feeds singly.” In shape, size, and colour, they differ most materially; for some are green, some black, some livid, and some variegated; but many of them do not shew all their colours till they fly. Some have long legs, others short; some have many joints in them, and others but few. Some chirrup, others are mute. Some do little or no damage to the husbandman, while others in a single night, render a beautiful plain a dreary waste.