

Why Cicadas are Great

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By the end of the month, we're expecting millions upon millions of cicadas to start swarming the streets. Since 2004, they've been waiting to emerge in a grandiose storm of insectary and eat your entire backyards. But there's nothing to fear, for we are to be plagued by one of the most adorable insects out there, and here's why.

Cicadas are extremely clumsy- Cicadas rarely ever fly, and when they do, they fly into anything and everything. Physical chemist Terry Gullion states that this occurrence is most likely due to cicada wings being especially heavy, as they contain large abundances of a chemical called chitin that makes them heavy. With heavy wings, they're extra clumsy fliers, and this may just be a personal thing, but I think it's the cutest crap just watching them fly into everything in their paths. I don't know if this is exposing some dark and demented side of me, but come on! I just love it, and there's really no way to explain why, but I do.

Cicadas are harmless- Unlike the terrifying abominations of insect known as horse flies, cicadas are completely unable to bite you. On top of that, they have little to no desires to fly into homes (Brood X Cicada). They're absolutely harmless, gentle giants that just want to vibe on a tree and eat plants all day.

They aren't gross- There are some bugs that aren't really able to hurt you, but are terrible because of their potential to terrorize you with their disgusting bodies. The common green fly, for example, spends great amounts of time reveling in piles of dog feces. Cicadas don't do anything like this. They are once again, just the ultimate vibers. In fact, they're so clean that they're edible for human consumption. Isa Betancourt, an entomologist from the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, even describes them as "the shrimp of the land" because they just taste like shrimp.

Cicada noises are relaxing to listen to- That's it. I just really like cicada noises.

All in all, cicadas are just big, clumsy bugs that don't mean nor are capable of doing harm to people. They're like big cute airplanes just crashing into everything; not horrible flying monsters of doom, but just big and dumb bugs simply trying to exist.

