

10 Crickets

Gryllotalpa gryllotalpa mole cricket

Regionally extinct

Current status WCA 5; endangered RDB (GB).

Found across much of Europe, north Africa and western Asia. Thought to be declining throughout its range. Formerly scattered across the UK, now restricted to southern England where it may be extinct. Last recorded in this region from Sheffield in 1965. This cricket spends most of its life underground in damp, but well drained margins of wet areas. Seems to prefer sandy soils.