

Mangrove Cicada

Arunta interclusa



Adaptation to environment

- Females lay eggs in plants in sand dunes on ocean side of island & nymphs feed on sap from grass roots including Spinifex; when adults emerge, they fly to mangroves on other side of island
- Males sing loudly to attract females & can be heard up to a kilometre away; this may be loud enough to drive birds away.

Feeding relationships

Where do I live?



Mangrove Shore



Frontal Dunes

What do I eat?

- Nymphs use their piercing mouthparts to suck sap from roots
- Adults suck sap from trees.

What eats me?

- Bandicoots dig up nymphs
- Birds, bats, gliders, spiders, lizards eat adults
- Spider-killer wasps use cicadas to feed larvae.

- Length 25 - 31 mm
- Forewing 36 – 43 mm
- Common on Moreton Bay islands, especially in Grey Mangroves.