Ground-walking arthropods such as this heavy-bodied beetle are easily captured in the pitfall traps



Mating Tenebrionids







Scorpions are easy to find with a blacklight, and also are frequent captures in pitfall traps



Grasshopper on Artemisia tridentata (ARTR)



Grasshopper on ARTR, top view; grasshoppers must be counted where they live, because they rarely are captured in pitfalls



Adult grasshoppers are commonly found on open ground, but nymphs are virtually always on the plants; some nymphs fall into the pit traps



Grasshoppers can be cryptic

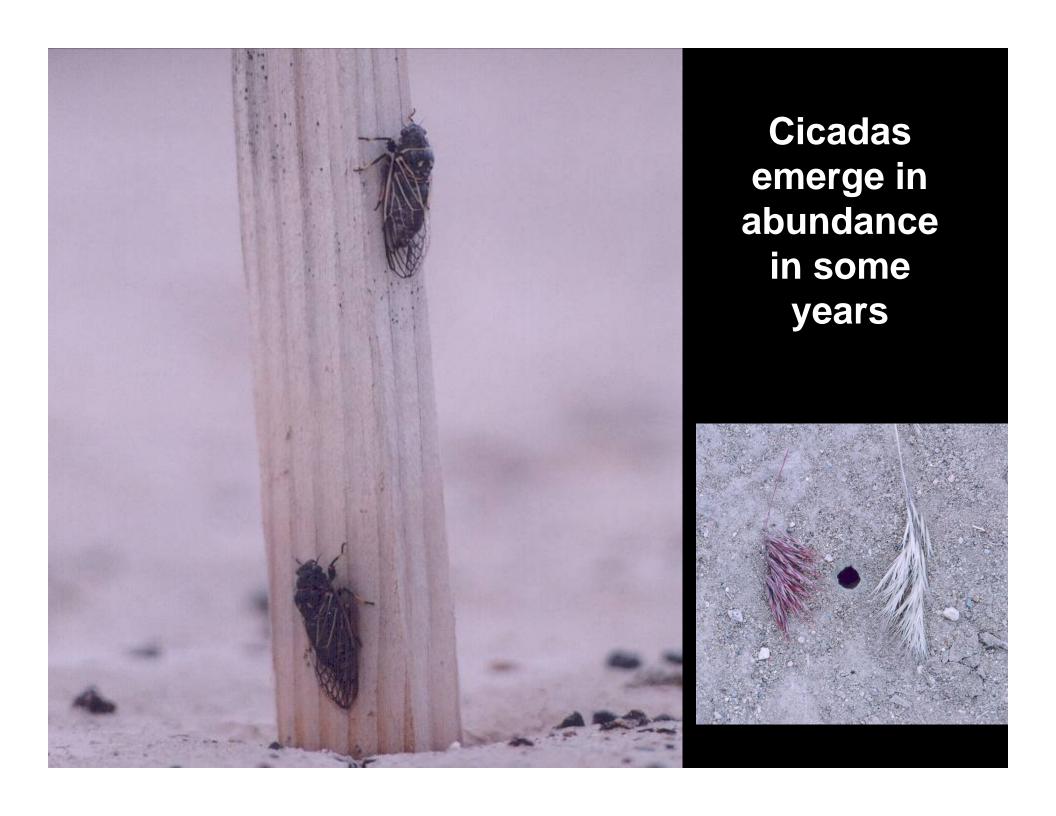


Malaise trap catches flying insects



A large beetle on the malaise trap





A wary scorpion



Students constructing sticky traps, 2000



Pit trap collection in Hardpan, summer 2006



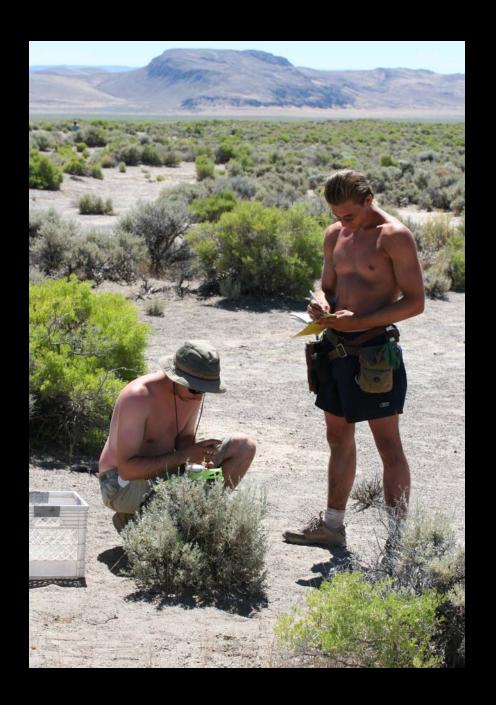
A standard method is 2 pitfall traps placed 50cm apart; some flying insects see the traps in the open and are captured in them



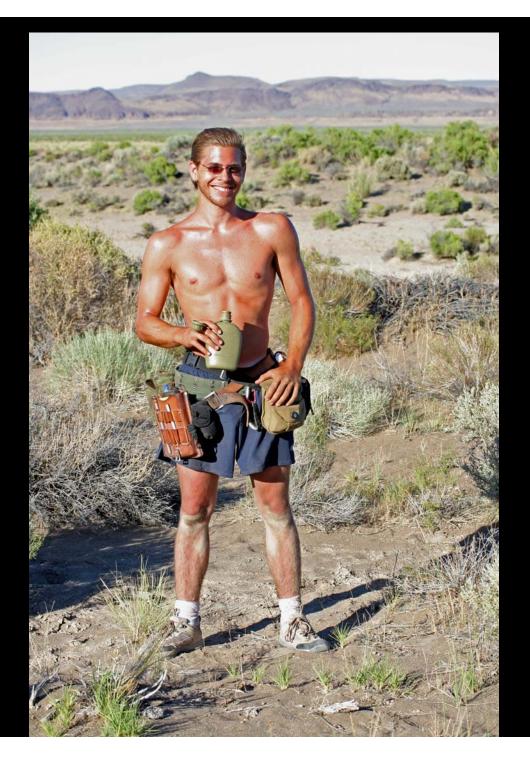
Brigit with crates of pitfall traps.
The pitfall traps are plastic jars that can be sealed with screw top covers.



Pit trap collection, 2006



Charles Ramseyer on a brief water break when retrieving pitfall traps, 2006



As seen here, retrieving the pitfall traps is a team endeavor.



We are careful to label every one of the 300 pitfall traps



One of the hardpan patches on which we placed pitfall traps, 2004



A pair of traps under a medium size SAVE



Pitfall trap "under" Save

