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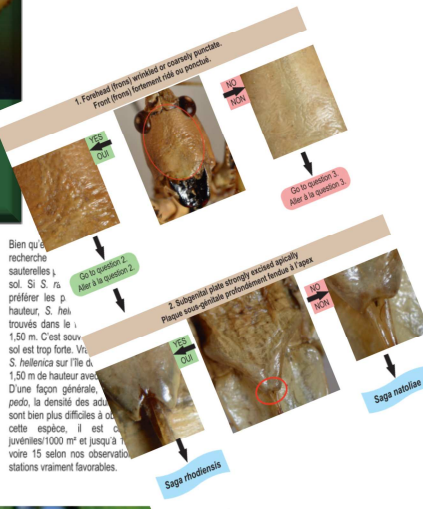
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This book gathers all current knowledge on the genus *Saga* (Orthoptera) in Europe. It is aimed at all people interested in this enigmatic genus, from naturalist amateurs to confirmed orthopterists. People in charge of habitat management and conservation will find also useful information, one of the species (*Saga pedo*) being protected in Europe. This bilingual book includes many photos, diagrams and graphs.

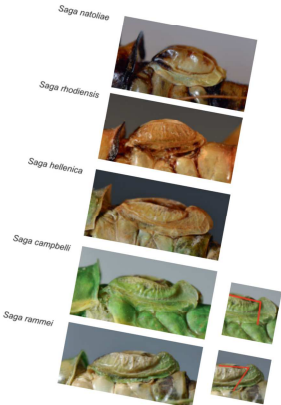
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Although they move at ground level for hunting, finding partners or laying, these great katydids spend most of their time above ground. *S. rammei*, *S. campbelli* and *S. pedo* seem to prefer vegetation formation less than 60 cm high, but *S. hellenica* and *S. nataliae* are frequently found in the foliage of shrubs, up to more than 1.50 m. This is often the case in summer, when the heat at ground level is too high. Vrabec and Kocarek (2006) have measured, for *S. hellenica* on the island of Corfu in Greece, up to 1.50 m high with an average of 62 cm. In general, particularly regarding *S. pedo*, adult density is rather low and they are much more difficult to see than juveniles. Concerning this species, it is common to count 5 juveniles per 1000 m<sup>2</sup> and up to 12 (Kristin et Karuch 2007), or 15 according to our own observations in really favourable sites.



*Tegmina* for comparison  
Adults, males

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*Saga hellenica*  
In a hazel tree - dans un noisetier

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