



## Where to Go

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### Abstract

This summer's anticipated and rare two-brood cicada emergence event is very likely, but the fates of individual cicadas is far less certain.

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A small dark lump  
on the asphalt driveway this morning as  
the sun was working  
over the eastern ridge, and the lump

moved a little, letting me know  
it was alive. Stooping  
close, I discovered the dark lump  
was a fresh cicada,

and carefully picking it up, I found  
the body was still  
soft in places, but with  
hardened transparent wings

and red eyes. It thrashed briefly  
in my open hand as it tried at first to fly.  
The pallid belly  
glistened as the creature

righted itself, hesitated  
and suddenly thereafter  
buzzed off, up into the maple tree.  
Unlike me it knew

exactly where to go.



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