

BUTTERFLIES

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The Latin name for this butterfly is *Pieris brassicae*.

This butterfly is one of the most abundant butterflies in Europe. It thrives wherever vegetables are grown. The female is usually a little larger than the male, with more spots on the forewing. This butterfly flies throughout the summer.

The large white has a wingspan of 4.5-5cm. It has white wings, edged with black and the underwings are a pale unmarked yellow-grey.

The eggs of the large white are yellow and are laid in large batches on cabbages and related plants. They hatch out into a mass of mottled greyish-green caterpillars.