



# WHITE BUTTERFLIES



The UK is home to 14 species of butterfly in the Pieridae family, known as 'Whites and Yellows'. These species often look very similar from a distance, but all common garden species can be identified by paying close attention to certain features. Use this guide to help you.

## Brimstone *Gonepterys rhamni*

Fly Jan-May and Aug-Dec



Hooked wingtips

Male brighter than female, both yellow-ish

## Orange-tip *Anthocharis cardamines*

Fly April-June

### MALE



### FEMALE



Speckled underside of wings

Distinctive orange wing tip

More rounded wing-tips than other white butterflies





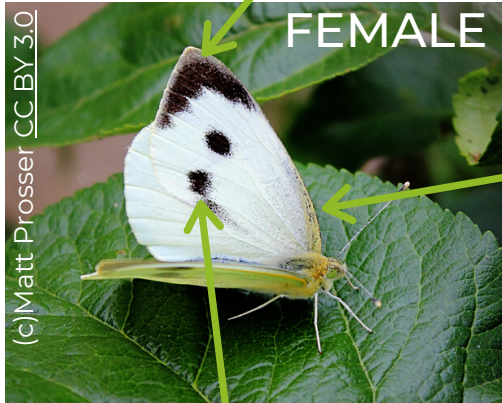
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## Large White *Pieris brassicae*

Fly April-Oct

Black mark on wing tip larger than in small white, extends from tip to at least halfway along outer edge of wing



2 Black spots on both sides of wings

Forewing length 25-35mm



No Black spots on upperside of wing

## Small White *Pieris rapae*

Fly April-Oct

2 black spots in female, 1 black spot or none in male



Forewing length 15-27mm

Black mark on wing tip much smaller than in large white, does not reach halfway down

## Green-veined White *Pieris napi*

Fly April-Oct



Grey lines where wing veins are, most easily seen when wings are closed

