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Cabbage White Butterfly

Pieris rapae

The cabbage white is arguably the most successful invasive insect of the modern era. Introduced accidentally into Quebec around 1860, it spread across North America within decades, and it is now on e…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Pieridae
Habitat: Open fields, gardens, agricultural areas, meadows
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-4 weeks (adult stage)
Weight: 0.03–0.1 grams
Scientific name: Pieris rapae

Did you know?

- Despite their delicate appearance, Cabbage White Butterflies are among the most widespread and adaptable butterfly species on the planet.
- The cabbage plant fights back through a third party: when a cabbage white caterpillar chews it, the plant releases volatile chemicals that summon the…

What I learned

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