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Animal Fact Sheet

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Orange-tip butterfly

Anthocharis cardamines

The Orange-tip butterfly is a striking and easily recognizable butterfly, known for the vivid orange patches on the forewings of the males. Females lack the orange coloring, instead having mottled gr…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Pieridae
Habitat: Meadows, hedgerows, and woodland edges
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: Up to 1 year (most of it as pupa/caterpillar; adult lives 3-4 weeks)
Weight: 0.03–0.05 g
Scientific name: Anthocharis cardamines

Did you know?

- The Orange-tip's eggs are laid singly on flower buds, as the caterpillars will often eat any siblings they encounter!
- Male Orange-tips are among the first butterflies seen in spring, often spotted fluttering rapidly along hedgerows. Their green mottled underwings pro…

What I learned

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