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Cabbage White Butterfly *Pieris brassicae*

Housing and Larvae

The ova should hatch a week after they have been laid

After the third skin change they split and feed singly. Mature larva are about 3.75cm long and are pale yellow with greenish blue markings.

Initially the ova should be hatched in the container they are supplied in, as they grow you can move them into a larger tank or butterfly net.

Feeding

The artificial medium should be stored in the fridge. The 1st instar will not eat very much. Slice off some medium and place in their container. Do not move the larvae, they will find the food. As they grow they will demand more food. Do not over feed as the the medium will go mouldy, therefore remove any access.

The adults like to feed on flowers with lavender being one of their favourites, but you can also feed them a honey and water mixture.

Breeding

Use a large net as this species enjoys alot of space. To encourage the adults to breed place the net in a sunny position where it is well ventilated, preferably outdoors (weather permitting). The eggs are laid on the underside of the cabbage leaves which should be provided standing in water or as a living plant in a pot.

Temperature

Around 21°C

Lifecycle

Duration does vary due to temperature so enclosed is a helpful guide.

Ova Stage	= 4-8 days	Larva stage	= 21-28 days
Pupae Stage	= 21-28 days	Adult Stage	= 7-14 days