

## Rapae



25 mm

A Cabbage White (female)

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*Pieris rapae*

Though only introduced to Australia from Europe in the 1930-s, the CabbageWhite is probably now the most common garden butterfly seen from Brisbane to Adelaide. It appears early in spring, and persists until the end of autumn, with an occasional specimen even in mid-winter. It is well known as a pest of cabbages, cauliflowers, broccoli, canola etc., but its green caterpillars also thrive on a variety of introduced weeds, such as Wild Turnip, related to these crop plants. The female has two black spots on the forewing, the male only one.

Although it is commonly called a "Cabbage moth", it is really a butterfly.



A male Cabbage White



A Cabbage White on Wild Turnip



A Cabbage White butterfly in clover