

[Brimstone \(Gonepteryx rhamni\).](#)



male



Female



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When male and female meet, they start a courtship 'dance'

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Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
											
											
											
											

* The butterfly over winters. It may appear in flight on warm sunny days during the late Autumn – early Spring months

[Food Plants:](#)

Larvae

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<u>Alder Buckthorn (Frangula alnus)</u>	<u>Buckthorn (Rhamnus cathartica)</u>		

Butterfly

No Image <u>Thistles (Cirsium spp)</u>	No Image <u>Thistles (Carduus spp)</u>	No Image <u>Betony (Stachys officinalis)</u>	 <u>Bluebell (Hyacinthoides non-scriptus)</u>
No Image <u>Bugle (Ajuga reptans)</u>	 <u>Carlina Thistle (Carlina vulgaris)</u>	 <u>Cowslip (Primula veris)</u>	 <u>Dandelion (Taraxacum agg.)</u>
No Image <u>Devil's-bit Scabious (Succisa pratensis)</u>	No Image <u>Fleabane(Pulicaria dysenterica)</u>	No Image <u>Knapweed (Centaurea spp.)</u>	No Image <u>Marjoram (Origanum vulgare)</u>
No Image <u>Primrose (Primula vulgaris)</u>	 <u>Ragged Robin (Lychnis flos-cuculi)</u>	No Image <u>Red Campion (Silene dioica)</u>	No Image <u>Selfheal (Prunella vulgaris)</u>
No Image <u>Vetches (Vicia spp)</u>	Intentionally Blank	Intentionally Blank	Intentionally Blank

Habitat:

This species fly over large areas and can be seen everywhere from woodland to grassland and gardens.

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