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Female



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Male



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White 'comma' marking on underside.

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

Note: The butterfly overwinters and may appear on a warm sunny day 3rd wk Aug – 2nd wk March.

Food Plants:**Larvae**

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Common Nettle (<i>Urtica dioica</i>)	Currants (<i>Ribes spp.</i>)	Elms (<i>Ulmus spp.</i>)	Hop (<i>Humulus lupulus</i>)
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Willows (<i>Salix spp.</i>).			

Butterfly

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Bramble (<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>)		Knapweed (<i>Centaurea spp.</i>)	Privet ((<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>)
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Thistles (<i>Cirsium spp.</i>)	Thistles (<i>Carduus spp.</i>)		

Habitat:

Normally a woodland species but also visits gardens late summer where it nectars to build up fat in preparation for hibernation. Can most often be seen in woodland clearings and paths.

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