

Pontia daplidice Linnaeus, 1758

Papallona de la mostassa (ca.), Blanquiverdosa (es.), Bath white (en.)

Distribution. North Western Africa, the Canary Islands, the Iberian Peninsula, France and parts of Germany. It is present in the Balearic Islands.

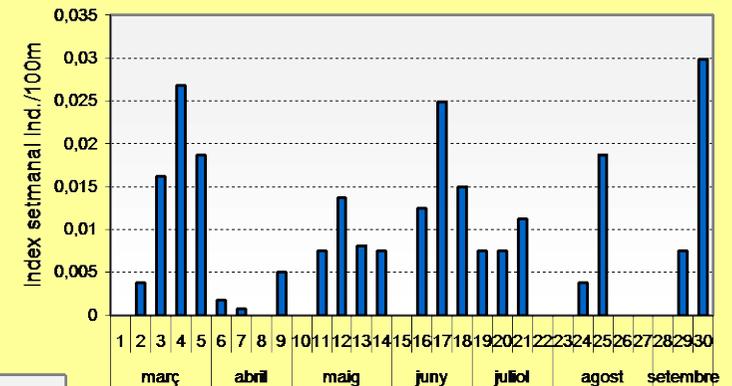
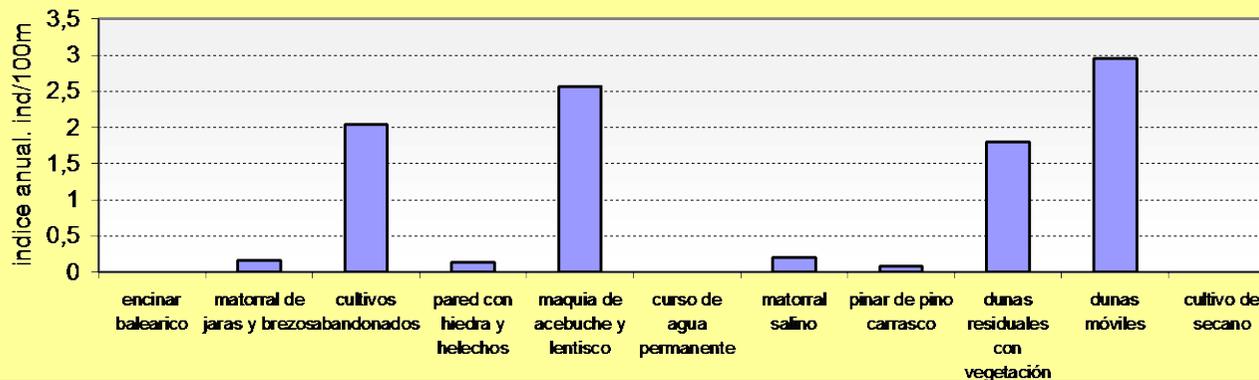
Description. Adult. 40-46 mm wingspan. The obverse of the wings is white with a black discal blotch and a black apex with white blotches, the obverse of the hindwings is white in the males and the females have black blotches along the edge of the wing. The reverse of the forewings has a discal blotch and green apical angle. The reverse of the hindwings is green with a white discal point and two white strips. **Caterpillar.** 30 mm de long. Grey green in colour with four yellow strips and covered all over with black spots. **Chrysalis.** 22 mm. Angular shape, green or pinky brown with yellowish beards and a lateral line on the abdomen. It fixes itself by means of a thoracic silk girdle.

Caterpillar foodplants Various cruciferous types such as maritime alder (*Lobularia maritima*), white wall rocket (*Diplotaxis eruroides*) and *Lepidium* spp. In coastal areas, maritime rocket (*Cakile maritima*).

Pontia daplidice in Menorca

Representation in the BMS (Butterfly Monitoring Scheme). Its representation in the BMS is around 0.4% of the species counted within the network. These figures are relatively low and probably do not correspond to reality. This is because of the low number of investigated cultivated areas in the BMS in Menorca.

Flight time. A species with many broods, it flies from March until October. It is a migratory species and therefore the number of examples can increase considerably from one day to another. It



hibernates as a chrysalis.

Habitat and behaviour. Fields and allotments.. It frequents open areas, and warm dry zones where this is rue. It flies rapidly and near to the ground.

Similar species found in Menorca. There are none, although it could be confused with other pieridines.

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