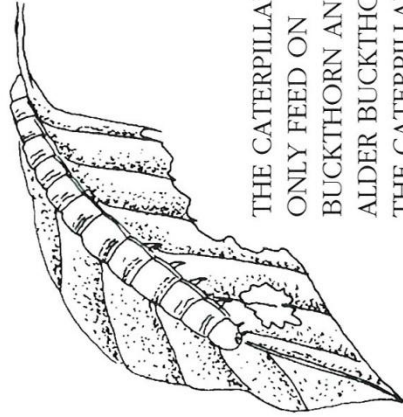


Butterfly Facts

THE BRIMSTONE

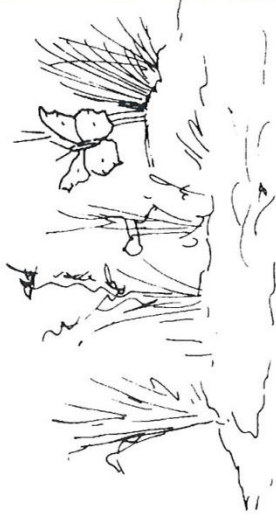
THE PALE YELLOW BRIMSTONE BUTTERFLY CAN BE SEEN FROM FEBRUARY TO NOVEMBER, VERY OFTEN THE FIRST AND LAST BUTTERFLY TO BE SEEN EACH YEAR.



THE CATERPILLARS ONLY FEED ON BUCKTHORN AND ALDER BUCKTHORN. THE CATERPILLARS ARE A SIMILAR GREEN TO THE LEAVES.



THE CHRYSALIS SUSPENDS ITSELF FROM A LEAF BY A SILKEN THREAD



THE COMMONLY SEEN 'BUTTERF-COLOURED' ADULT IS THOUGHT TO HAVE GIVEN RISE TO THE NAME BUTTERFLY. THE FEMALES ARE A PALER YELLOW THAN THE MALES. BRIMSTONES ARE STRONG FLIERS, WHEN THEY REST THEY ALWAYS KEEP THEIR WINGS CLOSED.



BRIMSTONES POLLINATE PRIMROSES IN WOODS AND CAN EASILY BE SEEN IN MARCH AND APRIL AS THEY SEARCH FOR FLOWERS.



BRIMSTONES HIBERNATE DURING THE WINTER, USUALLY IN IVY WHERE THEY ARE SURPRISINGLY WELL CAMOUFLAGED.