

Learning in the Leaves

Identification- Cynthia – Cardui Painted Lady Butterfly



Distinguishing Features

- Wingspan approximately 55mm.
- 2 x Antenna
- Wings
- Long Body Segment,
- Patterned wings, orange/red, Black and white see picture.

Interesting Facts

- The painted lady is a summer visitor to Britain. It travels several hundred miles to get here from the north coast of Africa and the south coast of France. They come here for the plentiful supplies of fresh nectar, and also to breed.
- The caterpillars feed on nettles, thistle and viper's bugloss. They emerge as butterflies between September and October, and although many die with the onset of cold weather, it is believed that some make the return migration to North Africa in place of their parents.
- [information collated from the UK Safari Website: www.uksafari.com]