



Little Yellow egg. July 23, 2010



Little Yellow caterpillar. August 4, 2010



August 18, 2010 (Both images.) Little Yellow chrysalis and Little Yellow adult.

## Little Yellow (*Eurema lisa*)

### Life Cycle

I watched an adult Little Yellow lay an egg on Partridge Pea in my yard in Dane County, Wisconsin. I collected the egg and reared (summer 2010) it to the adult you see on the screen in my porch and released it after it dried its wings. The adult nectaring on aster is another Little Yellow adult in the wild (also in Dane County).

From collection to emergence, it was nearly 4 weeks: 26 days. There were several days when I thought the caterpillar had escaped, it blended in so well with the Partridge Pea. Partridge Pea is an easy to grow native annual. It does reseed vigorously, but does not seem to interfere greatly with the other native plants in the beds with it. The seeds will overwinter and come back in following years. Bees also love it.



Little Yellow and Aster.  
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