

Nature as a compiler of emotions with...

Taraxacum officinale and *Colias croceus*

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Colias croceus, or " Clouded yellow butterfly " is a small butterfly of the family Pieridae, and one of the most widespread species in Europe. With its beautiful flying movements on air and bright sparkling yellowish colours bring us the joy of the good weather and the warm season. Larvae feed on a variety of leguminous plants, and adults feed primarily on nectar of thistles and “ **Common dandelion**” *Taraxacum officinale* , among others.

Among many other spots, I can relate this beautiful butterfly to the region of Gera and the village area of Papados in Lesvos, where I saw them fluttering around and evoked me feelings of cheerfulness and happiness while collecting some leaves of wild dandelions "πικραλίδα" and other "χώρτα", to prepare an amazing Greek spring-salad and enjoy it later with good friends.

Like perhaps the Greek poet Οδυσσέας Ελύτης, " Odysseas Elytis" asserts in his poem “ **Σώμα του καλοκαιριού** “.