

Nature as a compiler of emotions with...

Crataegus monogyna and *Saturnia pavonia*

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Saturnia pavonia or " **Small emperor moth** " is a big moth of the family Saturniidae, and inhabits a wide range of habitats, but is most often associated with heather and bramble (rubus sp.)

The caterpillar prefers to feed on Rosaceae and Ericaceae , and adults feed on nectar of different plants, also such as the " **Common hawthorn** " *Crataegus monogyna*.

I can recall this beautiful nocturnal-butterfly to the area of Agiasos in Lesvos and its deciduous forest area, where by chance I saw this rare specie quietly standing on a branch, and transmitted to me sensation of mystery, night and beauty. In the Autumn, Mediterranean locals used to collect berries of "θαμνομουρτζιά " , and use them as "ethnic foods" to prepare jams. Another way of transmitting tradition and culture.

As the Greek poet Τάσος Λειβαδίτης , " Tasos Livaditis " said about life and love " ...Γιατί απλά κάποιοι άνθρωποι είναι τόσο πολύ ξεχωριστοί, που αξίζει να ζεις, μόνο και μόνο για να τους συναντήσεις, κάποτε..." we have to live wisely and learn along our path from others that worth to meet, because always there is that "special" one (s) somewhere...