

Nature as a compiler of emotions with...

## *Lycaena phlaeas* and *Rumex acetosella*

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*Lycaena phlaeas* or " **Small copper butterfly** " is a small butterfly of the family Lycaenidae, and one of the most common species in Europe. Its specific name "*phlaeas*" is said to be derived from the Greek, that means "to burn up", like copper.

It is found in a wide range of habitats and in bright sun is a very territorial butterfly. Adults feed primarily on common sorrel and " **Sheep's sorrel** ", *Rumex acetosella*, among others.

In Lesvos, among many different places, I can recall this tiny beautiful butterfly to the region of Agia Paraskevi, and their fields and meadows. Watching them, evoked me sensations of happiness and delicacy, while walking through the village's area, paths and meadows.

Like perhaps the Greek philosopher Θεόφραστος, "Theophrastus" considered as the father of Botany with this "*divine way of expression*" in his Historia plantarum "Περὶ φυτῶν ἱστορίαι" and also surviving works on moral characters... All things in nature are important and have a role to do, and the tiny small ones, normally are the **most** important ones.