

Nature as a compiler of emotions with...

Scabiosa atropurpurea and *Pararge aegeria*

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Pararge aegeria, or "Speckled wood" is a small butterfly of the family Nymphalidae, is found on a diversity of grassy, flowery habitats in forest, meadow steppe, woods, and glades. It can also be found in urban areas alongside hedges, in wooded urban parks, and occasionally in gardens. Larvae feed on a variety of grasses, and adults love the nectar of the "Mourningbride or Sweet-scabiosa", *Scabiosa atropurpurea*.

Seen at different places, I can relate this beautiful butterfly to the region Pirgi Thermis, sometimes quietly placed on ancient stone-walls and Ottoman constructions. They evoked me feelings of independence, freedom and happiness while walking through the wild flowers' paths and enjoying the purple scabiosa perfumed flowers.

Perhaps the Greek poet Γιάννης Ρίτσος, "Giannis Ritsos" tells us in his "*Ρωμιούνη*", connecting in a personal way various elements of the historical tradition and modes of expression, it gives us relief the shape of Greece and its people in their ceaseless struggle for freedom, justice and humanity.