

Nature as a compiler of emotions with...

Parnassius apollo and *Centaurea jacea*

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Parnassius apollo, or "Apollo" is a very rare and amazing butterfly of the family Papilionidae, and typically a mountain species that prefers slopes, alpine meadows and mountain pastures. It has a wide range of subspecies and variants, and is of high interest to entomologists.

Larvae feed on a variety of *Sedum sp.* Providing to the insect a repulsive taste for predators thanks to the bitter chemical compounds of the plants they feed. Adults can feed sipping also from the Asteraceae, "**Knapweed**" *Centaurea jacea*", and can be seen from May to September.

Very rare to see butterfly, at the mountain-top of Parakoila's mountains "Τριεθνές / Προφίτης Ηλίας".

Its rarity, colours and elegance made me think about what rare is to find too unique souls and "beautiful" beings in life to love, but of course, there are.

Like perhaps the ancient Greek poetess Σαπφώ, "Sappho", with her little works that survived, love poems characterized by sentimentality and immediacy, such as " Ὕμνος στην Αφροδίτη ".

The pure love, and passionate feelings and its glorification, it is also a "rare" thing to be seen.