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## *Polygonia egea* and *Urtica pilulifera*

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*Polygonia egea*, or "**Southern Comma**" is a relative small butterfly of the family Nymphalidae, found in Southern Europe from March to September. 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 plants of the Urticaceae family, Ribes sp. and Ulmus sp. and love the "**Roman nettle**", *Urtica pilulifera*, among others.

Among many other spots, I can relate this amazing butterfly to the region of Antissa in Lesvos, where I saw them quietly taking a "sun-bath" and made me think about the muses infite beauty and arts, while collecting some leaves of wild nettles "τσουκνίδες" and other "χώρτα", to prepare an exquisite Greek spring-pie and cherish it later, just warm from the ancient oven, with good friends.

Like maybe the Greek poet Κωνσταντίνος Καβάφης, "Konstantinos Kavafis", inspire us in his poem "**Τα Άλογα του Αχιλλέως**" about the unpredictable destiny, and how the lost of love and beauty, can hurt and sting, but both are part of life. The Southern Comma and the nettle association could be perhaps be related to this.