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Zerynthia polyxena and *Aristolochia parvifolia*

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Zerynthia polyxena, or "Southern Festoon" is a beautiful rare nice-sized butterfly of the family Papilionidae, widespread in the middle and southern Europe . It can be found in warm, sunny and open spaces.

The carterpillars feed on birthworts (*Aristolochia* sp.) . The special food of the larvae/carterpillars provides the toxic substances which then also go to the adults, making them unpalatable. *Aristolochia parvifolia*.

Among many other spots, I can relate this beautiful butterfly to the North region of Lesvos, and the village of Argenos, where by luck, I saw one and teased my curiosity, providing to me feelings of interest and novelty.

Like perhaps the Greek poet Ανδρέας Εμπειρίκος, " Andreas Embirikos" asserts in his poem "Υψικάμινος".

"The purpose of our life is not idleness. There are infinitely more beautiful things than this statuesque presence of the past epic. The purpose of our life is love. The purpose of our life is our infinite mass. The purpose of our life is the useful acceptance of our life and of our every wish everywhere at every moment in every fervent disturbance of the existing. The purpose of our life is the marked fleece of our existence."