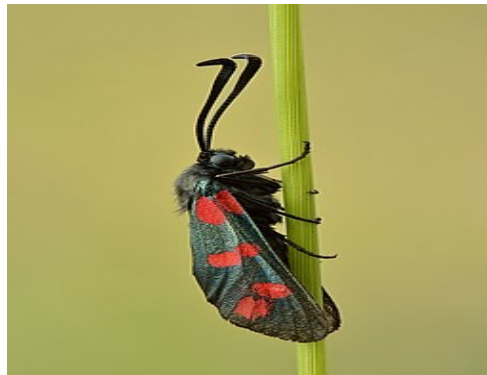


Nature as a compiler of emotions with...

## *Zygaena filipendulae* and *Centaurea solstitialis*

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*Zygaena filipendulae*, or " **Six-spot burnet** " is a small day-flying moth of the family Zygaenidae very common throughout Europe. It can be found in meadows and woodland clearings, and areas rich in grasses and flowers.

Larvae feed on a variety of fabaceae plants, and adults feed primarily on nectar of Asteraceae family plants, scabious and thistles, " **Yellow star-thistle** ", *Centaurea solstitialis*.

Among many other spots, I can relate this beautiful butterfly to the Charamida beach area in Lesvos.

Adults fly on hot sunny days. The upper wings dark metallic blue-greenish with six vivid red spots, and the hind wings red with a blackish fringe, provoked in me feelings of passion and joy while observing them onto the charming yellow star-thistle.

Using possibly the words of the Greek poet Γεώργιος Δροσίνης, " Georgios Drosinis " in his poem

" Παπαρούνες ", the six-spot burnet, red and black like a poppy, like slender girls with red summer-umbrellas in the fields...it provides passion and joy, happiness while watching them.