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Painted Lady (*Vanessa [Cynthia] cardui*)

Hiking on the table mountain *Patéla* (at the border of *Psiloritis* massif)

To access the mountain it is behind, in *Agia Varvara* (the village is deemed to be the geographic centre of the island) take a right behind the local church in a somewhat tucked street and follow this street through the village *Prinas* towards North. Already visible from far the table mountain is crowned by a bright white Chapel: AGIOS PANDELEIMONAS. It marks the place of an ancient Sanctuary and also is a special geographical trademark: exactly at this point, the 25° East length median cut the island. In ancient times, the Doric city *Rhizenia*, which is no longer to be seen, was located on the table mountain. The foundation walls on the ground are very difficult to identify; they are about 300 m south of the Chapel and date from a settlement from Hellenistic times. The two funerary caves carved into the rock on the road towards *Agios Mironas*, about 600 m away from the foot of the table mountain, date from the same time. They are part of the former necropolis of RHIZENIA.



The figure above left shows the chapel *Agios Pandeileimonas*; the right figure above the exposed foundation walls of the ancient settlement from Hellenistic times. The figure below left shows the two funerary caves of former necropolis of *Rhizenia*; Figure below right inside of a grave cave; burial chambers hewn in stone and staircase like flat burial plains are clearly visible.
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The Painted Lady is one of the “seasonal wanderers of 1st order”. “Seasonal wanderers of 1st order” are species who are leaving their area of origin every year at a certain time (emigrate) and actively visit other areas (immigrate) to conceive offspring’s. The offspring’s than are hiking back to the area of origin to provide progeny there as well. Their starting areas may be Africa, at the South of the Sahara. The oviposition occurs from April to July, the track time is from mid-June to end September. They leave their food crops for pupation. Food crops consistently are aculeate or strong hairy plants. Thistle, nettle, burdock and sometimes Malvaceae are preferred.



The figure shows (at the upper-right corner of the butterfly image) an egg by *Cynthia cardui* on top of a young thistle. The image in the Middle shows an adult Caterpillar in slightly open spun at a “snake head”. Figure right, slender nymph of a Painted Lady with intense gold spots. The Painted Lady never absorbs at windfalls or bleeding tree wounds and rarely other substances as faeces or moist. The very most of feeding ensued through flower visits (e.g. thistle, lavender, etc.)

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