

Acanthus spinosus

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.67**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

Flower

Flowering period: **April-June**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Dispersal mode: **Local non-specific dispersal**

Dispersal distance class: **2**

Trophic mode

Parasitism and mycoheterotrophy: **autotroph**

Carnivory: **non-carnivorous**

Symbiotic nitrogen fixation: **no nitrogen-fixing symbionts**

Taxon origin

Origin in Europe: **native**

Ecology

Environmental relationships

Substrate humidity relationship: **Dry**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Slightly acidic to near-neutral**

Nutrient relationship: **Mesotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **7.5**

Temperature indicator value: **10.5**

Moisture indicator value: **3.5**

Reaction indicator value: **5**

Nutrient indicator value: **5.5**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.36**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.59**

Disturbance severity: **0.74**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.36**

Mowing frequency: **0.11**

Grazing pressure: **0.31**

Soil disturbance: **0.25**

Habitat and sociology

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [S72 Eastern Mediterranean spiny heath \(phrygana\)](#)

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline), Scrub, Sparsely vegetated (incl. rock and scree)**