

# ***Carduus tenuiflorus***

## **Habitus and growth type**

Plant height [m]: **0.46**

Life span: **Annual, Biennial or short-lived**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte, Therophyte**

## **Leaf**

Specific leaf area [mm<sup>2</sup>/mg]: **7.46**

## **Flower**

Flowering period: **March-July**

## **Fruit, seed and dispersal**

Seed mass [mg]: **3.38**

Dispersal mode: **Anemochory**

Dispersal distance class: **5**

## **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, Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Eutrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

### **Ellenberg-type indicator values**

Light indicator value: **8.8**

Temperature indicator value: **7.5**

Moisture indicator value: **2.5**

Reaction indicator value: **6**

Nutrient indicator value: **6**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### **Disturbance indicator values**

Disturbance frequency: **1.19**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.92**

Disturbance severity: **0.77**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.73**

Mowing frequency: **0.6**

Grazing pressure: **0.21**

Soil disturbance: **0.42**

## **Habitat and sociology**

### Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [QC \(CHE\) \*Chenopodietea\*](#), [QF \(ART\) \*Artemisietea vulgaris\*](#)

### Broad habitat

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