

# *Carex echinata*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.32**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

## Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm<sup>2</sup>/mg]: **16.36**

## Flower

Flowering period: **April-July**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **0.78**

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

Dispersal distance class: **1**

## 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: **Wet**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Acidic**

Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **7.8**

Temperature indicator value: **5**

Moisture indicator value: **8.4**

Reaction indicator value: **3**

Nutrient indicator value: **2**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.92**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.5**  
Disturbance severity: **0.34**  
Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.26**  
Mowing frequency: **0.38**  
Grazing pressure: **0.17**  
Soil disturbance: **0.15**

## Habitat and sociology

### Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [PA \(SCH\) \*Scheuchzerio palustris-Caricetea fuscae\*](#)

### EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [Q22 Poor fen](#), [Q23 Relict mire of Mediterranean mountains](#), [Q24 Intermediate fen and soft-water spring mire](#)

Constant species of EUNIS habitats: [Q22 Poor fen](#), [Q23 Relict mire of Mediterranean mountains](#), [Q24 Intermediate fen and soft-water spring mire](#), [Q41 Alkaline, calcareous, carbonate-rich small-sedge spring fen](#), [Q42 Extremely rich moss-sedge fen](#), [R1T Azorean open, dry, acid to neutral grassland](#), [R37 Temperate and boreal moist or wet oligotrophic grassland](#), [T3K Picea mire forest](#)

### Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Spring**, **Wetland**, **Mire**, **Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline)**, **Forest**

## Distribution

Continentality amplitude: **5**