

Carex spicata

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.41**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm²/mg]: **21.76**

Flower

Flowering period: **March-July**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **2.21**

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: **Mesic**

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

Nutrient relationship: **Mesotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **7.3**

Temperature indicator value: **5.3**

Reaction indicator value: **5.7**

Nutrient indicator value: **4**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.64**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.74**

Disturbance severity: **0.57**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.43**

Mowing frequency: **0.56**

Grazing pressure: **0.22**

Soil disturbance: **0.27**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [CL \(GER\) *Trifolio-Geranietea sanguinei*](#), [QG \(EPI\) *Epilobietea angustifolii*](#)

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline), Scrub, Forest, Synanthropic**

Distribution

Continentality amplitude: **6**