

Centaurea aspera

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.43**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm²/mg]: **16.09**

Flower

Flowering period: **May-July**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **5.65**

Dispersal mode: **Myrmecochory**

Dispersal distance class: **3**

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: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Mesotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8.8**

Temperature indicator value: **8.4**

Moisture indicator value: **2.3**

Reaction indicator value: **7**

Nutrient indicator value: **5.2**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.1**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.71**

Disturbance severity: **0.66**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.6**

Mowing frequency: **0.38**

Grazing pressure: **0.21**

Soil disturbance: **0.35**

Habitat and sociology

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [S65 Mediterranean gypsum scrub](#)

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Coastal beach, dune or shingle, Scrub, Synanthropic**