

# *Helictochloa pratensis*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.65**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

Spinescence: **not spinescent**

## Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm<sup>2</sup>/mg]: **14.54**

## Flower

Flowering period: **May-July**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **2.32**

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: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **7.4**

Temperature indicator value: **5.9**

Moisture indicator value: **3**

Reaction indicator value: **6.9**

Nutrient indicator value: **2**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.31**  
Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.86**  
Disturbance severity: **0.5**  
Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.46**  
Mowing frequency: **0.76**  
Grazing pressure: **0.3**  
Soil disturbance: **0.16**

## Habitat and sociology

### EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [R1A Semi-dry perennial calcareous grassland \(meadow steppe\)](#), [S73 Western Mediterranean mountain hedgehog-heath](#)

Constant species of EUNIS habitats: [R18 Perennial rocky calcareous grassland of subatlantic-submediterranean Europe](#), [R1A Semi-dry perennial calcareous grassland \(meadow steppe\)](#), [R1H Iberian oromediterranean basiphilous dry grassland](#), [S52 Submediterranean pseudomauis](#), [S73 Western Mediterranean mountain hedgehog-heath](#)

### Broad habitat

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

## Distribution

Continentality: **4**  
Continentality amplitude: **2**