

# *Medicago monspeliaca*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.13**

Life span: **Annual**

Life form: **Therophyte**

## Flower

Flowering period: **February-June**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **0.64**

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

Dispersal distance class: **1**

## Trophic mode

Parasitism and mycoheterotrophy: **autotroph**

Carnivory: **non-carnivorous**

Symbiotic nitrogen fixation: **symbiosis with rhizobia**

## Taxon origin

Origin in Europe: **Native**

## Ecology

### Environmental relationships

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8.1**

Temperature indicator value: **8.1**

Moisture indicator value: **2.8**

Reaction indicator value: **7.8**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.52**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **2.06**

Disturbance severity: **0.72**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.66**

Mowing frequency: **0.34**

Grazing pressure: **0.35**

Soil disturbance: **0.38**

## **Habitat and sociology**

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [QC \(CHE\) Chenopodietea](#)

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [S72 Eastern Mediterranean spiny heath \(phrygana\)](#)

Broad habitat

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