Medicago truncatula

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.09**
Life span: **Annual**
Life form: **Therophyte**
Spinescence: **not spinescent**

Flower

Flowering period: **February-May**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **3.9**
Dispersal mode: **Epizoochory**
Dispersal distance class: **6**

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 humidity relationship: **Dry**
Nutrient relationship: **Mesotrophic**
Salinity relationship: **Slightly saline or brackish**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8**
Temperature indicator value: **9.5**
Moisture indicator value: **3**
Nutrient indicator value: **5**
Salinity indicator value: **2**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.34**
Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **2.11**
Disturbance severity: **0.81**
Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.76**
Mowing frequency: **0.48**

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Grazing pressure: **0.27**
Soil disturbance: **0.4**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: **FJ (TRA) *Stipo-Trachynietea distachyae*, QC (CHE) *Chenopodietea***

Broad habitat

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

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