

# *Melampyrum pratense*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.25**

Life span: **Annual**

Life form: **Therophyte**

## Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm<sup>2</sup>/mg]: **26.29**

## Flower

Flowering period: **May-September**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **5.65**

Dispersal mode: **Myrmecochory**

Dispersal distance class: **3**

## Trophic mode

Parasitism and mycoheterotrophy: **euphytoid hemiparasite**

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: **Acidic**

Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Moisture indicator value: **5.1**

Reaction indicator value: **3**

Nutrient indicator value: **2.2**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.1**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.3**

Disturbance severity: **0.66**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.14**

Mowing frequency: **0.03**

Grazing pressure: **0.2**

Soil disturbance: **0.14**

## Habitat and sociology

### Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [BA \(PIC\) \*Vaccinio-Piceetea\*](#), [CC \(QUE\) \*Quercetea robori-petraeae\*](#), [CL \(GER\) \*Trifolio-Geranietea sanguinei\*](#)

### EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [N1F Baltic coniferous coastal dune forest](#), [R52 Forest fringe of acidic nutrient-poor soils](#), [T3G Pinus sylvestris light taiga](#)

Constant species of EUNIS habitats: [N1F Baltic coniferous coastal dune forest](#), [R52 Forest fringe of acidic nutrient-poor soils](#), [T1B Acidophilous Quercus forest](#), [T1C Temperate and boreal mountain Betula and Populus tremula forest on mineral soils](#), [T34 Temperate subalpine Larix, Pinus cembra and Pinus uncinata forest](#), [T35 Temperate continental Pinus sylvestris forest](#), [T3F Dark taiga](#), [T3G Pinus sylvestris light taiga](#), [T3H Larix light taiga](#), [T3J Pinus and Larix mire forest](#), [T3K Picea mire forest](#), [U25 Boreal and Arctic base-rich scree and block field](#)

### Broad habitat

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

## Distribution

Continentality amplitude: **6**