

# *Ononis diffusa*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.18**

Life span: **Annual**

Life form: **Therophyte**

## Flower

Flowering period: **March-June**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

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 humidity relationship: **Dry**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Mesotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Slightly saline or brackish**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **9**

Temperature indicator value: **11.5**

Moisture indicator value: **2.5**

Reaction indicator value: **8**

Nutrient indicator value: **4.5**

Salinity indicator value: **1**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.17**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.89**

Disturbance severity: **0.51**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.43**

Mowing frequency: **0.07**

Grazing pressure: **0.24**

Soil disturbance: **0.39**

## **Habitat and sociology**

### Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [\*\*FI \(TUB\) \*Helianthemetea guttati\*\*\*](#)

### Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Coastal beach, dune or shingle, Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline), Scrub, Sparsely vegetated (incl. rock and scree)**