

# *Polygala rupestris*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.25**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Chamaephyte, Hemicryptophyte**

Spinescence: **not spinescent**

## Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm<sup>2</sup>/mg]: **16.09**

## Flower

Flowering period: **March-June**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **2.88**

Dispersal mode: **Myrmecochory**

Dispersal distance class: **3**

## 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: **8**

Temperature indicator value: **8**

Moisture indicator value: **2**

Reaction indicator value: **8**

Nutrient indicator value: **3**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.48**  
Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.49**  
Disturbance severity: **0.65**  
Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.23**  
Mowing frequency: **0.04**  
Grazing pressure: **0.33**  
Soil disturbance: **0.15**

## **Habitat and sociology**

### Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [FB \(ROS\) \*Ononido-Rosmarinetea\*](#)

### EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [S61 Western basiphilous garrigue](#)

### Broad habitat

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