

Xanthium strumarium

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.62**

Life span: **Annual**

Life form: **Therophyte**

Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm²/mg]: **20.01**

Flower

Flowering period: **June-October**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **54.9**

Dispersal mode: **Epizoochory**

Dispersal distance class: **6**

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: **Mesic**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Eutrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Slightly saline or brackish**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8**

Moisture indicator value: **5.6**

Reaction indicator value: **7.2**

Nutrient indicator value: **6.5**

Salinity indicator value: **1**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.48**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.87**

Disturbance severity: **0.65**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.64**

Mowing frequency: **0.57**

Grazing pressure: **0.17**

Soil disturbance: **0.42**

Habitat and sociology

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [Q63 Periodically exposed saline shore with pioneer or ephemeral vegetation](#)

Constant species of EUNIS habitats: [Q63 Periodically exposed saline shore with pioneer or ephemeral vegetation](#)

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Wetland, Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline), Synanthropic**

Distribution

Continentality amplitude: **8**