

Cerastium tomentosum var. *aetnaeum*

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.18**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Chamaephyte**

Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm²/mg]: **21.48**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **0.67**

Dispersal mode: **Local non-specific dispersal, Anthropochory**

Dispersal distance class: **1, 7**

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: **Mesotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8**

Temperature indicator value: **6.7**

Moisture indicator value: **3**

Reaction indicator value: **6.7**

Nutrient indicator value: **4.7**

Salinity indicator value: **0.3**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.04**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.62**

Disturbance severity: **0.43**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.37**

Mowing frequency: **0.14**

Grazing pressure: **0.34**

Soil disturbance: **0.18**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [FN \(RUM\) *Rumici aetnensis-Astragaletea siculi*](#), [KE \(THL\) *Thlaspietea rotundifolii*](#)

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [R14 Perennial rocky grassland of the Italian Peninsula](#), [R45 Alpine and subalpine calcareous grassland of the Balkans and Apennines](#), [S74 Central Mediterranean mountain hedgehog-heath](#)

Constant species of EUNIS habitats: [R14 Perennial rocky grassland of the Italian Peninsula](#), [S74 Central Mediterranean mountain hedgehog-heath](#)

Broad habitat

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