

# *Centaurea jacea* aggr.

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.65**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

## Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm<sup>2</sup>/mg]: **17.79**

## Flower

Flowering period: **May-August**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **1.79**

## 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, Mesic**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Slightly acidic to near-neutral, Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic, Mesotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline, Slightly saline or brackish**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **7**

Temperature indicator value: **5**

Moisture indicator value: **5**

Reaction indicator value: **6**

Nutrient indicator value: **5**

Salinity indicator value: **1**

## Habitat and sociology

EUNIS habitat

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Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Coastal cliff, Mire, Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline), Saline vegetation, Scrub, Forest**