

Alnus glutinosa

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **19.19**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Phanerophyte, Tree**

Leaf

Leaf type (woody plants only): **Broad deciduous or semi-deciduous**

Leaf phenology (woody plants only): **Winter deciduous**

Specific leaf area [mm²/mg]: **19.92**

Flower

Flowering period: **February-April**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **2.2**

Dispersal mode: **Dyszoochory**

Dispersal distance class: **6**

Trophic mode

Parasitism and mycoheterotrophy: **autotroph**

Carnivory: **non-carnivorous**

Symbiotic nitrogen fixation: **symbiosis with frankia**

Taxon origin

Origin in Europe: **native**

Ecology

Environmental relationships

Substrate humidity relationship: **Wet**

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

Nutrient relationship: **Eutrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Slightly saline or brackish**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **5.7**

Temperature indicator value: **5.6**

Moisture indicator value: **9.2**

Reaction indicator value: **5.9**

Nutrient indicator value: **6.3**

Salinity indicator value: **0.6**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.23**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.37**

Disturbance severity: **0.65**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.29**

Mowing frequency: **0.05**

Grazing pressure: **0.18**

Soil disturbance: **0.11**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [HA \(POP\) *Alno glutinosae-Populetea albae*](#), [IA \(ALN\) *Alnetea glutinosae*](#)

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [T12 *Alnus glutinosa-Alnus incana forest on riparian and mineral soils*](#), [T13 *Temperate hardwood riparian forest*](#), [T14 *Mediterranean and Macaronesian riparian forest*](#), [T15 *Broadleaved swamp forest on non-acid peat*](#)

Constant species of EUNIS habitats: [N1D *Atlantic and Baltic broad-leaved coastal dune forest*](#), [S92 *Salix fen scrub*](#), [T11 *Temperate Salix and Populus riparian forest*](#), [T12 *Alnus glutinosa-Alnus incana forest on riparian and mineral soils*](#), [T13 *Temperate hardwood riparian forest*](#), [T14 *Mediterranean and Macaronesian riparian forest*](#), [T15 *Broadleaved swamp forest on non-acid peat*](#), [T16 *Broadleaved mire forest on acid peat*](#), [T22 *Mainland laurophyllous forest*](#)

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Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Aquatic, Wetland, Scrub, Forest, Sparsely vegetated (incl. rock and scree)**

Distribution

Continentality amplitude: **5**