

# *Althaea officinalis*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **1.02**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

## Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm<sup>2</sup>/mg]: **23.55**

## Flower

Flowering period: **April-August**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **4.92**

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

Dispersal distance class: **2, 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: **Wet**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Mesotrophic**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **7.2**

Moisture indicator value: **7.2**

Reaction indicator value: **7.9**

Nutrient indicator value: **5.3**

Salinity indicator value: **1.9**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.42**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.63**

Disturbance severity: **0.48**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.46**

Mowing frequency: **0.54**

Grazing pressure: **0.23**

Soil disturbance: **0.16**

## Habitat and sociology

### Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [CM \(MOL\) \*Molinio-Arrhenatheretea\*](#),  
[OD \(PHR\) \*Phragmito-Magnocaricetea\*](#)

### EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [S94 Semi-desert riparian scrub](#)

### Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Coastal saltmarsh, Aquatic, Wetland, Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline), Saline vegetation, Scrub**

## Distribution

Continentality: **8**

Continentality amplitude: **6**