

Betula nana

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.59**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Phanerophyte, Shrub**

Leaf

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

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

Specific leaf area [mm²/mg]: **12.98**

Flower

Flowering period: **March-May**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **0.28**

Dispersal mode: **Dyszoochory**

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: **Wet**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Acidic**

Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **7.7**

Temperature indicator value: **3.2**

Moisture indicator value: **8.3**

Reaction indicator value: **1.2**

Nutrient indicator value: **1.7**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.72**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.48**

Disturbance severity: **0.31**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.18**

Mowing frequency: **0.05**

Grazing pressure: **0.21**

Soil disturbance: **0.14**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [AC \(LOI\) *Loiseleurio procumbentis-Vaccinietea*](#), [PB \(OXY\) *Oxycocco-Sphagnetea*](#), [QH \(ARC\) *Matricario-Poetea arcticae*](#)

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [Q3 Palsa and polygon mires](#), [S11 Shrub tundra](#), [S12 Moss and lichen tundra](#)

Constant species of EUNIS habitats: [Q11 Raised bog](#), [Q3 Palsa and polygon mires](#), [Q45 Arctic-alpine rich fen](#), [R42 Boreal and Arctic acidophilous alpine grassland](#), [S11 Shrub tundra](#), [S12 Moss and lichen tundra](#), [T3J Pinus and Larix mire forest](#), [U25 Boreal and Arctic base-rich scree and block field](#), [U52 Polar desert](#)

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Spring, Mire, Alpine-subalpine and arctic grassland, Heathland, Forest, Sparsely vegetated (incl. rock and scree), Synanthropic**

Distribution

Continentality: **7**

Continentality amplitude: **5**