Carduus carduelis

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.7**
Life span: **Perennial**
Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

Flower

Flowering period: **April-August**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Dispersal mode: **Anemochory**
Dispersal distance class: **5**

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: **Mesic**
Substrate reaction relationship: **Slightly acidic to near-neutral**
Nutrient relationship: **Eutrophic**
Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **6**
Temperature indicator value: **4**
Moisture indicator value: **5**
Reaction indicator value: **5**
Nutrient indicator value: **6**
Salinity indicator value: **0**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.06**
Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.37**
Disturbance severity: **0.36**
Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.32**
Mowing frequency: **0.14**

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Grazing pressure: **0.23**
Soil disturbance: **0.11**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: **CS (MUL) *Mulgedio-Aconitetea***

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline), Alpine-subalpine and arctic grassland, Scrub**

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