

Catananche caerulea

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.51**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm²/mg]: **15.4**

Flower

Flowering period: **June-September**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **3.28**

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

Dispersal distance class: **2**

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: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8.7**

Temperature indicator value: **7.5**

Moisture indicator value: **3.7**

Reaction indicator value: **7**

Nutrient indicator value: **2**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.36**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.55**

Disturbance severity: **0.61**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.28**

Mowing frequency: **0.21**

Grazing pressure: **0.31**

Soil disturbance: **0.15**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [**FB \(ROS\) Ononido-Rosmarinetea**](#)

EUNIS habitat

Constant species of EUNIS habitats: [**R18 Perennial rocky calcareous grassland of subatlantic-submediterranean Europe**](#)

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline), Scrub**