

Cenchrus ciliaris

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.4**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

Flower

Flowering period: **April-October**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **1**

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: **Dry**

Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **9**

Temperature indicator value: **12**

Moisture indicator value: **2**

Nutrient indicator value: **2**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [FF \(LYG\) *Lygeo sparti-Stipetea tenacissimae*](#)

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [S81 Canarian xerophytic scrub](#)

Constant species of EUNIS habitats: [S81 Canarian xerophytic scrub](#)

Broad habitat

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