

Centaurea ambigua

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.3**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

Flower

Flowering period: **May-August**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Dispersal mode: **Myrmecochory**

Dispersal distance class: **3**

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**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **7**

Temperature indicator value: **5**

Moisture indicator value: **3**

Reaction indicator value: **7**

Nutrient indicator value: **2**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.27**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.79**

Disturbance severity: **0.43**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.4**

Mowing frequency: **0.26**

Grazing pressure: **0.32**

Soil disturbance: **0.15**

Habitat and sociology

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [**R14 Perennial rocky grassland of the Italian Peninsula**](#)

Broad habitat

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