

# *Centaurea calcitrapa*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.42**

Life span: **Biennial or short-lived**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

## Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm<sup>2</sup>/mg]: **20.35**

## Flower

Flowering period: **March-August**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **2.23**

Dispersal mode: **Epizoochory**

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: **Dry**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Eutrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8.3**

Moisture indicator value: **4**

Reaction indicator value: **6.5**

Nutrient indicator value: **5.6**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.38**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.8**

Disturbance severity: **0.77**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.75**

Mowing frequency: **0.65**

Grazing pressure: **0.23**

Soil disturbance: **0.36**

## **Habitat and sociology**

### Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [QF \(ART\) Artemisietea vulgaris](#)

### EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [V33 Dry Mediterranean land with unpalatable non-vernal herbaceous vegetation](#)

### Broad habitat

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

## **Distribution**

Continentality amplitude: **6**