

Cynara cardunculus

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.77**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm²/mg]: **7.39**

Flower

Flowering period: **May-August**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **33.2**

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, Archeophyte**

Ecology

Environmental relationships

Substrate humidity relationship: **Mesic**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Eutrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8.7**

Temperature indicator value: **9.5**

Moisture indicator value: **4.7**

Reaction indicator value: **7.3**

Nutrient indicator value: **7.7**

Salinity indicator value: **0.3**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.55**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.79**
Disturbance severity: **0.81**
Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.79**
Mowing frequency: **0.45**
Grazing pressure: **0.31**
Soil disturbance: **0.33**

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**