Echinops spinosissimus

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.38**
Life span: **Perennial**
Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

Flower

Flowering period: **April-July**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **41.05**
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: **Mesotrophic**
Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8.5**
Temperature indicator value: **10.5**
Moisture indicator value: **3**
Reaction indicator value: **7**
Nutrient indicator value: **6.5**
Salinity indicator value: **0**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.03**
Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.39**
Disturbance severity: **0.58**
Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.53**

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Mowing frequency: **0.23**
Grazing pressure: **0.24**
Soil disturbance: **0.34**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: **JC (CAK) *Cakiletea maritimae***

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Coastal beach, dune or shingle, Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline), Sparsely vegetated (incl. rock and scree)**

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