

# *Equisetum pratense*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.32**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Geophyte**

## Flower

Flowering period: **April-July**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Dispersal mode: **Anemochory**

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: **Mesic**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Mesotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **5.8**

Temperature indicator value: **3.8**

Moisture indicator value: **6.3**

Reaction indicator value: **6.5**

Nutrient indicator value: **3.5**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.19**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.43**

Disturbance severity: **0.65**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.25**

Mowing frequency: **0.09**

Grazing pressure: **0.19**

Soil disturbance: **0.14**

## Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [\*\*CM \(MOL\) Molinio-Arrhenatheretea\*\*](#)

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [\*\*U25 Boreal and Arctic base-rich scree and block field\*\*](#), [\*\*U35 Boreal and Arctic base-rich inland cliff\*\*](#)

Constant species of EUNIS habitats: [\*\*T3F Dark taiga\*\*](#), [\*\*T3H Larix light taiga\*\*](#), [\*\*U25 Boreal and Arctic base-rich scree and block field\*\*](#), [\*\*U35 Boreal and Arctic base-rich inland cliff\*\*](#), [\*\*U61 Subarctic volcanic field\*\*](#)

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline)**, **Scrub**, **Forest**,  
**Sparsely vegetated (incl. rock and scree)**

## Distribution

Continentality: **7**

Continentality amplitude: **5**