

# *Equisetum variegatum*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.28**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

## Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm<sup>2</sup>/mg]: **6.33**

## Flower

Flowering period: **April-September**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

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**

## Ecology

### Environmental relationships

Substrate humidity relationship: **Wet**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8**

Temperature indicator value: **3.6**

Moisture indicator value: **8.4**

Reaction indicator value: **7.4**

Nutrient indicator value: **2**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.28**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.75**

Disturbance severity: **0.28**

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

Mowing frequency: **0.27**

Grazing pressure: **0.15**

Soil disturbance: **0.07**

## Habitat and sociology

### Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [PA \(SCH\) \*Scheuchzerio palustris-Caricetea fuscae\*](#)

### EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [Q41 Alkaline, calcareous, carbonate-rich small-sedge spring fen](#), [Q45 Arctic-alpine rich fen](#), [Q46 Carpathian travertine fen with halophytes](#)

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### Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Spring, Wetland, Mire, Sparsely vegetated (incl. rock and scree)**

## Distribution

Continentality: **6**

Continentality amplitude: **5**