

# *Knautia arvensis*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.51**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

## Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm<sup>2</sup>/mg]: **18.06**

## Flower

Flowering period: **April-September**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **4.53**

Dispersal mode: **Myrmecochory**

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: **Dry**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Mesotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **7.1**

Temperature indicator value: **5.5**

Moisture indicator value: **4.1**

Reaction indicator value: **6.5**

Nutrient indicator value: **3.7**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.12**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.93**  
Disturbance severity: **0.52**  
Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.47**  
Mowing frequency: **0.86**  
Grazing pressure: **0.2**  
Soil disturbance: **0.28**

## Habitat and sociology

### EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [R1A Semi-dry perennial calcareous grassland \(meadow steppe\)](#), [R22 Low and medium altitude hay meadow](#), [R23 Mountain hay meadow](#)

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### Broad habitat

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

## Distribution

Continentality amplitude: **6**