

# *Lathyrus heterophyllus*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **1.35**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

## Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm<sup>2</sup>/mg]: **21.74**

## Flower

Flowering period: **May-August**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **1.92**

Dispersal mode: **Local non-specific dispersal**

Dispersal distance class: **2**

## Trophic mode

Parasitism and mycoheterotrophy: **autotroph**

Carnivory: **non-carnivorous**

Symbiotic nitrogen fixation: **symbiosis with rhizobia**

## Taxon origin

Origin in Europe: **Native**

## Ecology

### Environmental relationships

Substrate humidity relationship: **Dry**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **6.8**

Temperature indicator value: **6.6**

Moisture indicator value: **4**

Reaction indicator value: **8**

Nutrient indicator value: **2.8**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.56**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.55**  
Disturbance severity: **0.52**  
Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.34**  
Mowing frequency: **0.5**  
Grazing pressure: **0.24**  
Soil disturbance: **0.15**

## **Habitat and sociology**

### Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [CL \(GER\) \*Trifolio-Geranietea sanguinei\*](#)

### Broad habitat

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

## **Distribution**

Continentality: **4**  
Continentality amplitude: **2**