

# *Medicago minima*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.13**

Life span: **Annual**

Life form: **Therophyte**

Spinescence: **not spinescent**

## Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm<sup>2</sup>/mg]: **23.73**

## Flower

Flowering period: **April-July**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **0.96**

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

Dispersal distance class: **1**

## 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: **8.7**

Temperature indicator value: **7**

Moisture indicator value: **2.8**

Reaction indicator value: **7.4**

Salinity indicator value: **0.4**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.31**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.97**  
Disturbance severity: **0.61**  
Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.58**  
Mowing frequency: **0.4**  
Grazing pressure: **0.33**  
Soil disturbance: **0.32**

## Habitat and sociology

### Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [CK \(SED\) \*Sedo-Scleranthetea\*](#), [FI \(TUB\) \*Helianthemetea guttati\*](#), [FJ \(TRA\) \*Stipo-Trachynietea distachyae\*](#)

### EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [R13 \*Cryptogam- and annual-dominated vegetation on calcareous and ultramafic rock outcrops\*](#), [R1F \*Mediterranean annual-rich dry grassland\*](#)

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### Broad habitat

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

## Distribution

Continentality amplitude: 7