Medicago praecox

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.09**
Life span: **Annual**
Life form: **Therophyte**

Flower

Flowering period: **February-April**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **2.1**
Dispersal mode: **Epizoochory**
Dispersal distance class: **6**

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: **Mesotrophic**
Salinity relationship: **Slightly saline or brackish**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8**
Temperature indicator value: **10**
Moisture indicator value: **3.5**
Reaction indicator value: **7.5**
Nutrient indicator value: **5.5**
Salinity indicator value: **0.5**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.5**
Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.97**
Disturbance severity: **0.72**
Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.68**

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Mowing frequency: **0.4**
Grazing pressure: **0.35**
Soil disturbance: **0.39**

Habitat and sociology

Broad habitat

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

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