

# *Medicago prostrata*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.22**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

## Flower

Flowering period: **April-July**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **1.71**

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: **8**

Moisture indicator value: **2**

Reaction indicator value: **8.3**

Nutrient indicator value: **2**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.18**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.84**

Disturbance severity: **0.47**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.42**

Mowing frequency: **0.34**

Grazing pressure: **0.35**

Soil disturbance: **0.19**

## **Habitat and sociology**

### Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [DA \(FES\) Festuco-Brometea](#)

### EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [R17 Heavy-metal dry grassland of the Balkans](#), [R19 Dry steppic submediterranean pasture of the Amphi-Adriatic region](#)

Constant species of EUNIS habitats: [R19 Dry steppic submediterranean pasture of the Amphi-Adriatic region](#)

### Broad habitat

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