

Ononis cristata

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.18**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

Flower

Flowering period: **April-August**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **4.86**

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**

Moisture indicator value: **4**

Reaction indicator value: **6.5**

Nutrient indicator value: **3**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.09**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.74**

Disturbance severity: **0.48**

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

Mowing frequency: **0.46**

Grazing pressure: **0.35**

Soil disturbance: **0.17**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [**FP \(ONO\) Festuco hystrixis-Ononidetea striatae**](#)

Broad habitat

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