

# *Polygala alpina*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.06**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

## Flower

Flowering period: **May-August**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Dispersal mode: **Myrmecochory**

Dispersal distance class: **3**

## Trophic mode

Parasitism and mycoheterotrophy: **autotroph**

Carnivory: **non-carnivorous**

Symbiotic nitrogen fixation: **no nitrogen-fixing symbionts**

## 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: **3**

Moisture indicator value: **4**

Reaction indicator value: **7**

Nutrient indicator value: **1.7**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.93**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.59**

Disturbance severity: **0.36**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.3**

Mowing frequency: **0.12**

Grazing pressure: **0.28**

Soil disturbance: **0.12**

## **Habitat and sociology**

### Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [CU \(SES\) Elyno-Seslerietea](#)

### Broad habitat

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