

Polygala cretacea

Habitus and growth type

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

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: **Mesic**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8.5**

Temperature indicator value: **5.3**

Moisture indicator value: **4.5**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.98**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.98**

Disturbance severity: **0.35**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.35**

Mowing frequency: **0.1**

Grazing pressure: **0.3**

Soil disturbance: **0.2**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

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

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [R15 Continental dry rocky steppic grassland and dwarf scrub on chalk outcrops](#)

Constant species of EUNIS habitats: [R15 Continental dry rocky steppic grassland](#)

[and dwarf scrub on chalk outcrops](#)

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline)**