

Polygala monspeliaca

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.17**

Life span: **Annual**

Life form: **Therophyte**

Flower

Flowering period: **March-June**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **1.08**

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**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Slightly saline or brackish**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8.3**

Temperature indicator value: **8.8**

Moisture indicator value: **4**

Reaction indicator value: **7.7**

Nutrient indicator value: **2.7**

Salinity indicator value: **0.5**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.2**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.86**

Disturbance severity: **0.75**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.7**

Mowing frequency: **0.31**

Grazing pressure: **0.36**

Soil disturbance: **0.29**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [FJ \(TRA\) Stipo-Trachynietea distachyae](#)

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [R1F Mediterranean annual-rich dry grassland](#)

Broad habitat

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