

# *Saussurea pygmaea*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.13**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

## Flower

Flowering period: **June-August**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **4.75**

Dispersal mode: **Anemochory**

Dispersal distance class: **5**

## 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: **Non-saline**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **9**

Temperature indicator value: **1.3**

Moisture indicator value: **5.5**

Reaction indicator value: **7.5**

Nutrient indicator value: **1.5**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.56**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.56**

Disturbance severity: **0.28**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.28**

Mowing frequency: **0**  
Grazing pressure: **0.25**  
Soil disturbance: **0.09**

## **Habitat and sociology**

### Syntaxon

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

### Broad habitat

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

## **Distribution**

Continentality: **5**  
Continentality amplitude: **1**