

Thymus alpestris

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.09**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Chamaephyte**

Leaf

Leaf type (woody plants only): **Sclerophyllous**

Leaf phenology (woody plants only): **Evergreen**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **0.15**

Dispersal mode: **Local non-specific dispersal**

Dispersal distance class: **1**

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: **Slightly acidic to near-neutral**

Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **7.8**

Temperature indicator value: **3.2**

Moisture indicator value: **5.1**

Reaction indicator value: **4.5**

Nutrient indicator value: **2.5**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.63**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **0.72**

Disturbance severity: **0.33**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.26**

Mowing frequency: **0.05**

Grazing pressure: **0.23**

Soil disturbance: **0.1**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [**CH \(ULI\) *Calluno-Ulicetea***](#)

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Heathland, Sparsely vegetated (incl. rock and scree)**