Saussurea alpina aggr.

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.14**
Life span: **Perennial**
Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm^2/mg]: **16.89**

Flower

Flowering period: **May-August**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **1.75**
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: **Slightly acidic to near-neutral**
Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic**
Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8.7**
Temperature indicator value: **1.6**
Moisture indicator value: **5.8**
Reaction indicator value: **5.8**
Nutrient indicator value: **2.9**
Salinity indicator value: **0**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.77**

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Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.56**
Disturbance severity: **0.37**
Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.24**
Mowing frequency: **0.06**
Grazing pressure: **0.2**
Soil disturbance: **0.09**

Habitat and sociology

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: **Q45 Arctic-alpine rich fen**, **R42 Boreal and Arctic acidophilous alpine grassland**, **T3H Larix light taiga**, **U21 Boreal and Arctic siliceous scree and block field**, **U25 Boreal and Arctic base-rich scree and block field**

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Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Mire, Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline), Alpine-subalpine and arctic grassland, Oromediterranean scrub, Forest, Sparsely vegetated (incl. rock and scree)**

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