

# *Centaurea alba* aggr.

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.45**

Life span: **Biennial or short-lived, Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

## Flower

Flowering period: **May-August**

## 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: **Dry**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8**

Temperature indicator value: **4**

Moisture indicator value: **3**

Reaction indicator value: **7**

Nutrient indicator value: **2**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.07**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.72**

Disturbance severity: **0.47**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.4**

Mowing frequency: **0.29**

Grazing pressure: **0.34**

Soil disturbance: **0.17**

## **Habitat and sociology**

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [R17 Heavy-metal dry grassland of the Balkans](#), [R19 Dry steppic submediterranean pasture of the Amphi-Adriatic region](#)

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Broad habitat

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