Acanthus spinosus

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.67**
Life span: **Perennial**
Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

Flower

Flowering period: **April-June**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Dispersal mode: **Local non-specific dispersal**
Dispersal distance class: **2**

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: **Slightly acidic to near-neutral**
Nutrient relationship: **Mesotrophic**
Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **7.5**
Temperature indicator value: **10.5**
Moisture indicator value: **3.5**
Reaction indicator value: **5**
Nutrient indicator value: **5.5**
Salinity indicator value: **0**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.36**
Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.59**
Disturbance severity: **0.74**
Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.36**
Mowing frequency: **0.11**

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Grazing pressure: **0.31**
Soil disturbance: **0.25**

Habitat and sociology

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: **S72 Eastern Mediterranean spiny heath (phrygana)**

Broad habitat

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

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