

# *Carduus litigiosus*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.74**

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

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

## Flower

Flowering period: **May-August**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **1.97**

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: **Dry**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Eutrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **7.5**

Moisture indicator value: **3.5**

Reaction indicator value: **7**

Nutrient indicator value: **6.2**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.23**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.48**

Disturbance severity: **0.63**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.22**

Mowing frequency: **0.13**

Grazing pressure: **0.28**

Soil disturbance: **0.14**

### **Habitat and sociology**

Broad habitat

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