

# *Medicago rugosa*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.12**

Life span: **Annual**

Life form: **Therophyte**

Spinescence: **not spinescent**

## Flower

Flowering period: **February-May**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **8.2**

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

Dispersal distance class: **1**

## Trophic mode

Parasitism and mycoheterotrophy: **autotroph**

Carnivory: **non-carnivorous**

Symbiotic nitrogen fixation: **symbiosis with rhizobia**

## Taxon origin

Origin in Europe: **native**

## Ecology

### Environmental relationships

Substrate humidity relationship: **Dry**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Mesotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Slightly saline or brackish**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8**

Temperature indicator value: **11**

Moisture indicator value: **2.5**

Reaction indicator value: **7.5**

Nutrient indicator value: **5.5**

Salinity indicator value: **0.5**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **1.57**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **2.2**

Disturbance severity: **0.85**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.7**

Mowing frequency: **0.23**

Grazing pressure: **0.23**

Soil disturbance: **0.51**

## **Habitat and sociology**

### Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [EJ \(TRA\) \*Stipo-Trachynietea distachyae\*](#)

### Broad habitat

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