Melilotus italicus

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.39**
Life span: **Annual**
Life form: **Therophyte**

Flower

Flowering period: **February-May**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **6.35**
Dispersal mode: **Local non-specific dispersal**
Dispersal distance class: **2**

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

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **7**
Temperature indicator value: **9.7**
Moisture indicator value: **3.5**
Reaction indicator value: **6**
Nutrient indicator value: **5.5**
Salinity indicator value: **0.5**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: **QC (CHE) *Chenopodietea***

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Broad habitat

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

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