

# *Melilotus neapolitanus*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.25**

Life span: **Annual**

Life form: **Therophyte**

## Flower

Flowering period: **March-June**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **1.5**

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: **Eutrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

### Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **7.9**

Moisture indicator value: **3.8**

Reaction indicator value: **7.3**

Nutrient indicator value: **6.3**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

### Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.89**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.64**

Disturbance severity: **0.64**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.55**

Mowing frequency: **0.24**

Grazing pressure: **0.29**

Soil disturbance: **0.27**

## Habitat and sociology

### Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [FJ \(TRA\) \*Stipo-Trachynietea distachyae\*](#), [QC \(CHE\) \*Chenopodietea\*](#)

### Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Coastal beach, dune or shingle, Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline), Scrub, Forest, Sparsely vegetated (incl. rock and scree), Synanthropic**