

Polygala chamaebuxus

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.17**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Chamaephyte**

Leaf

Leaf type (woody plants only): **Sclerophyllous**

Leaf phenology (woody plants only): **Evergreen**

Specific leaf area [mm²/mg]: **10.1**

Flower

Flowering period: **February-June**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **9.45**

Dispersal mode: **Myrmecochory**

Dispersal distance class: **3**

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: **Oligotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **6**

Temperature indicator value: **3.6**

Moisture indicator value: **3.4**

Reaction indicator value: **7.8**

Nutrient indicator value: **2.3**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.2**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.09**

Disturbance severity: **0.58**

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Mowing frequency: **0.08**

Grazing pressure: **0.22**

Soil disturbance: **0.1**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [CO \(ERI\) *Erico-Pinetea*](#)

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [S24 Subalpine genistoid scrub of the Amphi-Adriatic region](#), [T36 Temperate and submediterranean montane *Pinus sylvestris*-*Pinus nigra* forest](#)

Constant species of EUNIS habitats: [S24 Subalpine genistoid scrub of the Amphi-Adriatic region](#), [S26 Subalpine *Pinus mugo* scrub](#), [T36 Temperate and submediterranean montane *Pinus sylvestris*-*Pinus nigra* forest](#)

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline), Heathland, Scrub, Forest**

Distribution

Continentality: **4**

Continentality amplitude: **2**