Carthamus lucens

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.14**
Life span: **Perennial**
Life form: **Hemicryptophyte**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

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: **Slightly acidic to near-neutral**
Nutrient relationship: **Oligotrophic**
Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **9**
Temperature indicator value: **8**
Moisture indicator value: **3**
Reaction indicator value: **6**
Nutrient indicator value: **2**
Salinity indicator value: **0**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: **FN (RUM) *Rumici aetnensis-Astragaletea siculi***

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Grassland (non-alpine, non-saline), Oromediterranean scrub, Scrub**

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