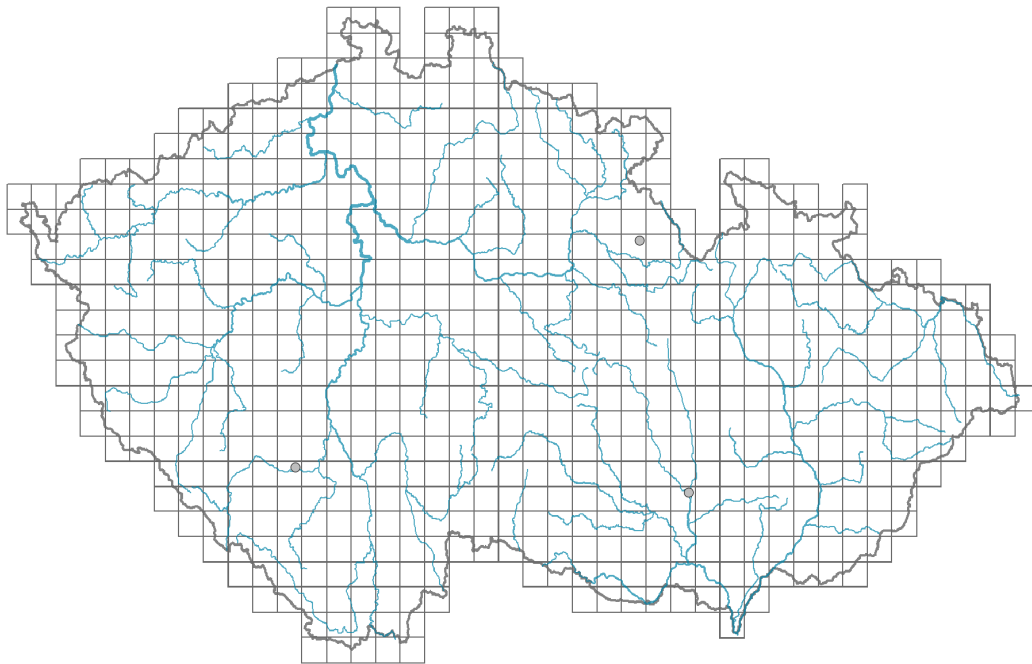


# *Medicago arabica*

## Distribution



Map info

- revised records
- unrevised records

On the map are not visualized records without the coordinates and records marked as incorrect or doubtful.



## Habitus and growth type

Height [m]: **0.15-0.3**

Growth form: **annual herb**

Life form: **therophyte**

Life strategy: **R - ruderal**

Life strategy (Pierce method based on leaf traits): **R/CR**

Life strategy (Pierce method, C-score): **27.6 %**

Life strategy (Pierce method, S-score): **6.4 %**

Life strategy (Pierce method, R-score): **66 %**

## Leaf

Leaf presence and metamorphosis: **leaves present, not modified**

Leaf arrangement (phyllotaxis): **alternate**

Leaf shape: **compound - ternate**

Stipules: **present**

Petiole: **present**

Leaf life span: **summer green**

Leaf anatomy: **scleromorphic, mesomorphic**

## Flower

Flowering period [month]: **April-June**

Flower colour: **yellow**  
Flower symmetry: **zygomorphic**  
Perianth type: **calyx and corolla**  
Perianth fusion: **free**  
Calyx fusion: **synsepalous**  
Inflorescence type: **racemus**  
Dicliny: **synoecious**  
Generative reproduction type: **mixed mating**  
Pollination syndrome: **insect-pollination, selfing**

### **Fruit, seed and dispersal**

Fruit type: **dry fruit - legume**  
Fruit colour: **brown**  
Reproduction type: **only by seed/spores**  
Myrmecochory: **non-myrmecochorous (b)**

### **Belowground organs and clonality**

Shoot life span (cyclicality): **monocyclic shoots prevailing**  
Primary root: **present**  
Bud bank  
Number of buds per shoot at the soil surface (root buds excluded): **5**  
Number of buds per shoot at a depth of 0–10 cm (root buds excluded): **0**  
Number of buds per shoot at a depth greater than 10 cm (root buds excluded): **0**  
Size of the belowground bud bank (root buds excluded): **5**  
Depth of the belowground bud bank (root buds excluded) [cm]: **1**  
Number of buds per shoot at the soil surface (root buds included): **5**  
Number of buds per shoot at a depth of 0–10 cm (root buds included): **0**  
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Size of the belowground bud bank (root buds included): **5**  
Depth of the belowground bud bank (root buds included) [cm]: **1**

### **Trophic mode**

Parasitism and mycoheterotrophy: **autotrophic**  
Carnivory: **non-carnivorous**  
Symbiotic nitrogen fixation: **symbiosis with rhizobia**

### **Taxon origin**

Origin in the Czech Republic: **neophyte**  
Invasion status: **casual**  
Geographic origin: **Mediterranean**  
Year of the first record in the wild: **1936**  
Period of introduction: **Late Modern Period (1800–1950)**  
Introduction pathway: **unintentional - anthropogenic**

## Ecological indicator values

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **8 - light plant, only exceptionally occurring at less than 40% of diffuse radiation incident in an open area**

Temperature indicator value: **7 - heat indicator, occurring in relatively warm lowlands**

Moisture indicator value: **4 - transition between values 3 and 5**

Reaction indicator value: **8 - transition between values 7 and 9, occurring mostly in calcium-rich conditions**

Nutrient indicator value: **5 - occurring at moderately nutrient-rich sites, and less frequently at poor and rich sites**

Salinity indicator value: **0 - not salt tolerant, glycophyte**

## Habitat and sociology

Affinity to the forest environment

Affinity to the forest environment in Thermophyticum: **0 - taxon that does not spontaneously occur in Czech forests**

Affinity to the forest environment in Mesophyticum and Oreophyticum: **0 - taxon that does not spontaneously occur in Czech forests**

## Distribution and frequency

Floristic zone: **submeridional, meridional**

Floristic region: **Europe, Western Asia**

Continental degree: **5**

Distribution range extension along the continentality gradient: **3**

Occurrence frequency in the basic grid mapping cells and quadrants of the basic grid mapping cells: **3**

taxon.data.freq\_in\_quad: **3**

## Threats and protection

Red List 2017 (national categories): **taxon is not on the Red List**

Red List 2017 (IUCN categories): **LC(NA) - least concern (taxon is not on the Red List)**

Legal protection: **not protected by law**