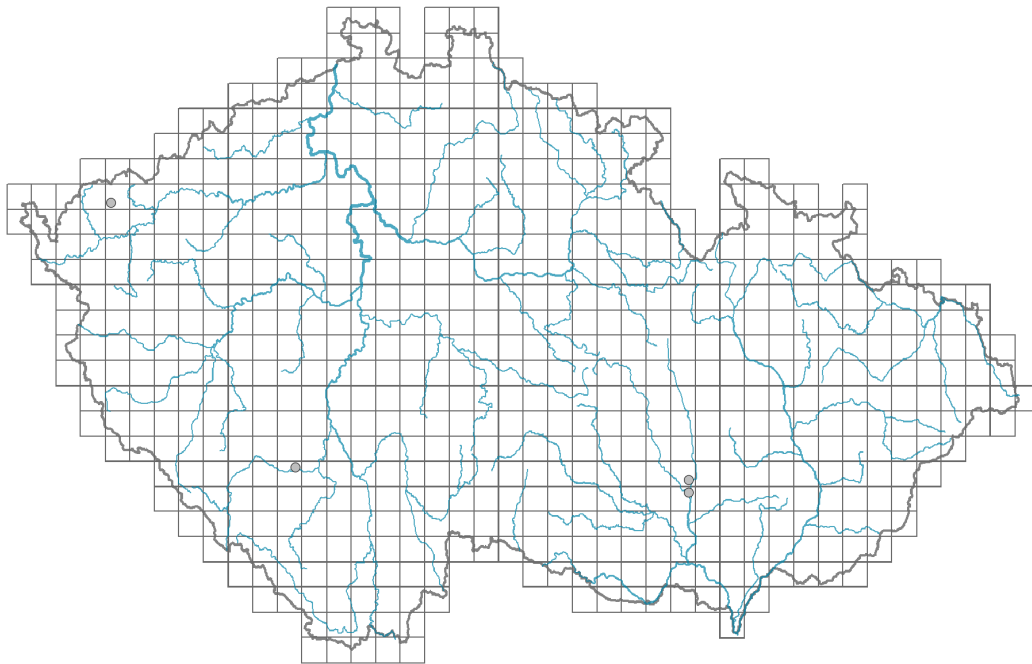


# *Medicago polymorpha*

## 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]: **0.1-0.3**

Growth form: **annual herb**

Life form: **therophyte**

Life strategy: **R - ruderal**

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

Life strategy (Pierce method, C-score): **21.7 %**

Life strategy (Pierce method, S-score): **24 %**

Life strategy (Pierce method, R-score): **54.4 %**

## 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**

## Flower

Flowering period [month]: **May-July**

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: **facultative autogamy**  
Pollination syndrome: **selfing**

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

Fruit type: **dry fruit - legume**  
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**  
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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: **1880**  
Period of introduction: **Late Modern Period (1800-1950)**  
Introduction pathway: **unintentional - industry, unintentional - anthropogenic**

### **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**

Occurrence frequency in the basic grid mapping cells and quadrants of the basic grid mapping cells: 5

taxon.data.freq\_in\_quad: 5

### **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**