

## DRY MEADOW

Many, more,  
the most!

Over time, ruderal areas can develop into dry meadows. They are called "dry meadows" because the plants here get by with little water and nutrients. As the vegetation never has the opportunity to become dense under these conditions, various plant species have the opportunity to establish themselves. Dry meadows are among the most diverse natural habitats in Switzerland, with up to 50 different plant species being found in one square meter!

Blue wings for  
a blue sky

Dry meadows are often home to the blue butterfly. This beautiful little butterfly is a real delight, and can easily be found here because it likes open spaces and prefers to feed on clover and clover-related plants.

Diverse flora lead  
to diverse fauna

It is not surprising that dry meadows are also playgrounds for all kinds of beetles, wild bees, spiders, grasshoppers, and butterflies. The greater the variety of flowers on offer, the more animal species can help themselves to the buffet.

Many fine  
flowers



common blue butterfly  
*Polyommatus icarus*

spiny restharrow  
*Ononis spinosa*

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