

Is it natural?

MÉTA NATURALNESS MEASURER FOR EVERYBODY

This Naturalness-measurer helps to identify natural and degraded habitats in our surroundings.

You can download it from <https://www.novenyzetiterkep.hu/english/node/106>

Steps of naturalness estimation:

1. First choose the type of habitat you are standing in
"woodland", "shrubbery", "grassland", "marsh, water side " or "other habitat"
2. Mark those statements that are correct for the habitat you are standing in!
3. Sum up the scores!
4. The total shows how natural or degraded your habitat is!

For the estimation you have to know only some common plant species, e.g. **reed, oak, rosehip** or **black locust**. You can find their pictures in the [PLANT IDENTIFICATION GUIDE](#), but you can use any other plant guides as well.

For a scientifically correct estimation we should know how the natural vegetation looked like before the human transformations. Since we do not know this, botanists estimate naturalness by species composition (e.g. proportion of disturbance tolerant species, weed, rare or specialist species) and by the structure and pattern of the habitat stands (e.g. dead trees, age classes, patchiness).

Our naturalness measurer was designed for those who do not know hundreds of plant species. Our method is not so accurate, but can help to understand what features of the vegetation indicate naturalness.

If you would like to know more on the naturalness of Hungarian habitats visit our [MÉTA PHOTO GALLERY](#). You can find there more than **400 habitat photos** with detailed descriptions. Our [Habitat guide](#) is linked in to all photos, where you can find the descriptions of naturalness stages for each habitat.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.novenyzetiterkep.hu/termeszettesgmero>