

Scotch broom

Cytisus scoparius

Description

Highly toxic and could be fatal if eaten.

Habit

4-6 ft. deciduous shrub, rounded to irregular, twiggy.

Leaves

Deciduous, alternate; small, trifoliate leaves; upper leaves often with 1 leaflet, medium to bright green in color.

Stems

Green turning gray-brown with age, broom-like, conspicuous, angled and flexible.

Flowers

Pea-like, yellow in color, 1 in., profuse and very showy.

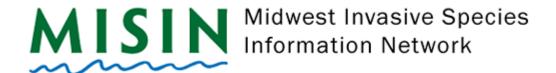
Fruits and Seeds

1.5-2 in' pea-like pods.

Habitat

Native to central and southern Europe. Can be found in coastal beaches or dunes, pastures, yards and





gardens, roadsides, disturbed sites and dry scrubland.

Reproduction

By seed and sometimes vegetatively by resprouting.

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Monitoring and Rapid Response

Difficult to control because of its long-lived seed bank. Can be controlled by biological control, uprooting, cutting, controlled burns, competitive planting and spot treatments with herbicides as a last resort.

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