

## 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.

### **Similar**

### **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.

### **Credits**

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