

# Weed Alert! Gorse



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(*Ulex europaea*)

**Mature Size** Shoulder



## Description

- Woody, evergreen shrub, up to 10 ft. tall
- Simple spiny leaves, 1/5-3/5 in. long
- Young plants produce normal clover-like leaves for the first few months
- Bright yellow pea-like flowers
- Brown, densely hairy pea-like seedpods are 1/2-1 in. long
- 1/2 in. long spines at base of leaves
- Intricately branched, green when young, turning brown with age
- Reproduces by seed and vegetatively by resprouting when damaged
- Spread by ants, birds, water, human activities
- Native to western Europe



**Bloom Period** Apr - Jul

**Habitat** Disturbed coastal soils; tolerates poor soils, including serpentine



**2-Minute Removal** Dig

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