

Weed Alert! Broom Basics



Scotch Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*)

- 5-10 ft. tall with angled branches
- Leaflets narrow, 0-3
- Yellow 1 in. flowers, sometimes with red or white accents
- Flat pods 1-2 in., hairy around margins



Spanish Broom (*Spartium junceum*)

- 10-15 ft. tall with rounded branches
- Leaflets narrow, 0-1
- 1 in. yellow flowers at stem tips only
- Flat 2-4 in. pods, sparsely to not hairy

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French broom (*Genista monspessulana*)

- 3-8 ft. shrub with angled branches
- Leaflets broad, 3, generally persistent
- Flowers less than 1 in.
- Fat 1 in. gray-fuzzy pods



Portuguese broom (*Cytisus striatus*)

- 6-9 ft. tall with angled branches
- Leaflets narrow, 0-3
- Somewhat “squished” 1 in. flowers
- Fat 1 in. gray-fuzzy pods

2-Minute Removal Dig



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