

# Weed Alert! Scotch broom



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# Scoth broom

(*Cystisus scoparius*)

**Mature Size** Shoulder



## Description

- 5-10 ft. deciduous shrub with pea-like flowers
- Single or paired golden yellow flowers (or slightly to fully red),  $\frac{3}{4}$ -1 $\frac{1}{4}$  in. long
- Leaves generally composed of 3 leaflets, each less than 1 in. long
- Stems are star-shaped in cross-section
- Pods are  $\frac{3}{4}$ -2 in. long, flattened, dark brown to black, with silky hairs on the margin
- Reproduces by seed and by resprouting if damaged
- Spread by roads and trails, equipment, water, soil movement, animals, ants, horticulture
- Native to central and southern Europe and northern Africa



**Bloom Period** Mar - May

**Habitat** Coastal scrub and prairie, chaparral, riparian areas, oak woodland, coniferous forest

