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), ¾-1¼ in. long
- Leaves generally composed of 3 leaflets, each less than 1 in. long
- Stems are star-shaped in cross-section
- Pods are ¾-2 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

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