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
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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