

# Weed Alert! French broom



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(*Genista monspessulana*)

**Mature Size** Shoulder



## Description

- 3-8 ft. perennial shrub with bright yellow pea-like flowers
- Flowers in dense clusters of 4-10 on short branches
- Leaves composed of three leaflets  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$  in. long
- Leaves, stems, and seed pods covered with long, silky, silvery to reddish-gold hairs
- Stems green, erect, and typically leafy
- Seed pods brown, slightly flattened at maturity, and  $\frac{1}{4}$ -1  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. long
- Reproduces by seed
- Spread by water, roads, trails, equipment, horticulture, animals
- Native to the Mediterranean region and Azores Islands



**Bloom Period** Mar - May

**Habitat** Coastal scrub and prairie, chaparral, grassland, riparian and cismontane woodland, forest



**2-Minute Removal** Pull

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