

Scotch Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*)



Scotch Broom is a beautiful deciduous fast growing shrub that was introduced to North America as an ornamental and for erosion control. It forms dense thickets that wildlife find unpalatable and impenetrable; it also limits regrowth of other plant species, and poses a significant fire hazard due to the accumulation of woody biomass it creates. It has a significant presence on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, and is a known allergenic nuisance to susceptible humans.