

# Scotch Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*)

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**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.**