

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Princes Highway, Terrmell



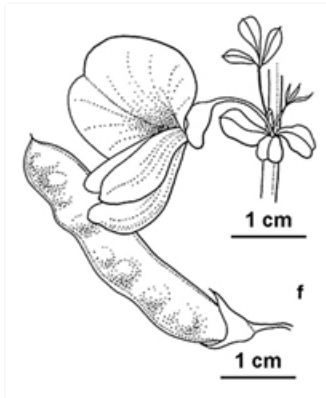
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Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index photographer Murray Fagg, Barrington Tops National Park



Line drawings. f. flowering shoot and pod. MMbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

English broom, Scotch broom, Broom

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Woodland, **shrubland**, grassy areas, roadsides and disturbed sites, and along streams. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced shrub, sprawling or to 4m tall. Branches 5-angled, or with 5 longitudinal ridges, hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 1 or 3 leaflets, leaflets 0.5-2 cm long, 1.5-10 mm wide, lower surface and sometimes upper surface hairy, tips pointed or blunt. Often leafless. Flowers pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, 15-20 mm long. Petals yellow to orange yellow, sometimes with red markings. Flowers single or in pairs. Flowers Spring to Autumn.

Cytisus scoparius* subsp. *scoparius in NSW. Subspecies are not recognised by the Council of **Heads** of Australasian Herbaria (accessed 30 April 2021)

A Weed of National Significance. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions in all NSW. Pest plant ACT. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Cytisus~scoparius> (accessed 30 April 2021)

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