

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, between Lake George and Goulburn



Flowering branch. Photographer Don Wood, near Narooma



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Lake George to Goulburn



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

Common name

Montpellier broom, Spanish broom

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Forest margins, **woodland**, grassy areas, roadsides, disturbed sites, and along streams. Widespread, mainly ACT and north of Moss Vale - coast, ranges, and Southern Highlands.

Notes

Introduced shrub to 3 m tall. Stems ridged, hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, each 0.5-3 cm long, 2-15 mm wide, sparsely **appressed**-hairy, often becoming hairless above, tips **mucronate**. Flowers yellow, mostly 8-13 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, in clusters of 3-7 flowers, continuing down the stem. Flowers Winter to Summer.

A Weed of National Significance. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions 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=Genista-monspessulana> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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