

Scotch Broom

Cytisus scoparius

Category 3: Containment

Limited distribution. High priority for reporting and treatment outside known infestations

Family: Fabaceae (Legume).

Other Common Names: European broom, Scots broom, Irish broom, English broom, broomtops, common broom.

Origin: Europe.

Growth Form/Reproduction: Perennial. Seeds.

Identification: Woody shrub growing 1 to 3 m tall. Yellow pea-like flowers that may have a red marking in the center. Stalked lower leaves are composed of three leaflets. Unstalked upper leaves are simple.

Legal Status Central Kootenay: FRPA, CCA.

Habitat: Tolerant of a wide range of soil conditions including coarse textured, seasonally dry soils with low to moderate fertility. Shade intolerant. Disturbed sites, fields, rocky slopes, roadsides, rail road and utility corridors, and logged areas at low- to mid-elevation.

Status and Distribution: Characterized as "rare" in the IAPP application by 1997, and widespread by 2000. Presently, widespread in the lower Central Kootenay from Nelson to Balfour, Riondel to Creston, Salmo, Fruitvale, Trail, Castlegar, New Denver, and Nakusp. *See reverse for map of recorded locations.*

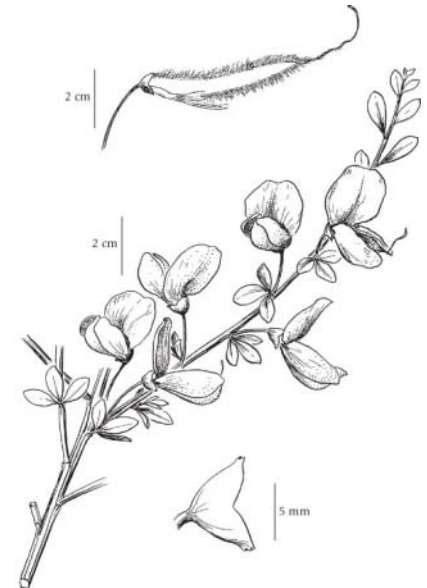
Known Biogeoclimatic Zones: IDFun, ICHdw1, ICHmw2, ICHxw

Management Objectives for Central Kootenay:

- Eradication of populations at Salmo, Fruitvale, Castlegar and south of Nakusp where feasible.
- Local eradication and control along lakeshores and riparian areas near Nelson, on the north and east shores of Kootenay Lake and at Nakusp should be a high priority.

For More Information:

- www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca/publications/TIPS/Scotch_Broom_TIPS.pdf



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in the Central Kootenay*

