

Spartium juncenum

(Spanish broom)

Spanish Broom is native to the Mediterranean region. It is a large deciduous shrub with upright rush-like stems which are glabrous, dark green and have very few small, linear leaves. The small leaves that appear on each shoot fall soon after they become fully developed giving the plant a leafless appearance year-round, leaving only the green stems to take over the process of photosynthesis. It Flowers from May to August, with fragrant, yellow pea-lshaped flowers that are grouped in sparse, terminal racemes, 30-40cm long. Dark brown seed pods follow the flowers. It grows well in full sun and almost in any soil, and is a drought and salt resistant plant. This plant is potentially invasive in mild climates . All parts of plant are poisonous if ingested. Use it in the shrub or mixed border or as a barrier hedge



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: SPAR-tee-um JUN-kee-um
Plant Type: Shrub
Origin: Southern Europe, Mediterranean
Heat Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9
Uses: Specimen, Mass Planting, Wildlife, Erosion control, Native to Lebanon
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Fast
Tree Shape: Upright
Canopy Symmetry: Irregular
Canopy Density: Medium
Canopy Texture: Fine
Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m
Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Smooth

Leaf Scent:

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Black

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts:

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



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