

Spartium junceum

(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

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

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Flower Image

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### 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

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** Yellow

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Black

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

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### 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



Other Image