

WANTED

Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*)



Description

Stems are soft, green and hairy when young, becoming brown and woody when mature. Each stem ends in a single sharp spine.

Leaves are fiercely spiny and have a waxy coating, are 6–30 mm long and 1.5 mm wide. They are dark green, stiff and stalkless. Seedlings have soft trifoliate (three-leaflet) leaves that are reduced to spines as the plant matures.

Flowers are bright yellow and pea-like, 15–25 mm long and have a distinct coconut scent.

Seed pods are 10–20 mm long, 6 mm wide and covered in fine hairs. They are oblong in shape, grey, turning to black when mature. Each pod contains 2-6 seeds.

Seeds are brown to green in colour, very hard, heart-shaped and up to 4 mm long.

Goal

To reduce the spread and Contain in the Shoalhaven.

Whereabouts

Last seen Kangaroo Valley. Found in pasture prefers cool, temperate areas.

Website Link NSW WeedWise

Native Look a-like