

Genista (French Broom) in YOUR Yard is a **WILDFIRE HAZARD** that threatens your home, your neighbors, and our community!

Join our neighborhood **Campaign to Eradicate Genista in Carmel Views!!!**

**\*\*\*See it, Pull it, Drop it in your green waste bin\*\*\***

Go to <https://carmelviews.net> for more information on how to identify and remove Genista.

If you would like advice about how to ID and tackle Genista in your yard from a member of the Carmel Views Fire Team contact

[CarmelViewsFirewise@gmail.com](mailto:CarmelViewsFirewise@gmail.com)


To borrow a useful tool for removing larger plants ("PullerBear") contact [cvcaboard@gmail.com](mailto:cvcaboard@gmail.com).

**Weed Alert!**  
**French broom**




[www.cal-ipc.org](http://www.cal-ipc.org)

**French broom**  
*(Genista monspessulana)*

**Mature Size** Shoulder 

**Description**

- 3-8 ft. perennial shrub with bright yellow pea-like flowers
- Flowers in dense clusters of 4-10 on short branches
- Leaves composed of three leaflets ½-¾ in. long
- Leaves, stems, and seed pods covered with long, silky, silvery to reddish-gold hairs
- Stems green, erect, and typically leafy
- Seed pods brown, slightly flattened at maturity, and ¼-1 ¼ in. long
- Reproduces by seed
- Spread by water, roads, trails, equipment, horticulture, animals
- Native to the Mediterranean region and Azores Islands



**Bloom Period** Mar - May

**Habitat** Coastal scrub and prairie, chaparral, grassland, riparian and cismontane woodland, forest


**2-Minute Removal** Pull 

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