

Botanical Name: Cytisus spachianus (C. racemosus, Genista racemosa)

Common Name: Sweet broom

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright, many-branched plant, with erect or spreading
branches forming a full oval to rounded canopy

Height 5-10' Spread 3/4 - equal Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun required; prefers warm habitats

Soil most well draining locations

Hardiness hardy (zones 7-9, 11-24): thrives in warm inland areas

Morphology:

Leaves trifoliate, alternate, 3/4" - 1" long; the leaflets are
oval-obovate, 1/2" long, medium green above, paler beneath; apex mucronate

Flowers bright yellow, sweet-pea shaped, very fragrant; in terminal
2-4" spikes; spring-summer

Fruit a pod: flat, tan, 1-1/2 to 2" long

Propagation: seed - can naturalize aggressively

Usage: a medium-sized to large filler, used mainly for its showy
display of yellow flowers; good for slopes; for rustic or temperate-climate
landscape styles; can become invasive by seedlings

Landscape Care:

Watering little is required after establishment; performs better with
an occasional deep soaking in summer

Fertilizing add iron fertilizers in alkaline-soil areas

Pruning selectively head back after blooming period

Pests/Diseases tent caterpillars

Special Conditions

Origin: Canary Islands Family: Fabaceae