Genista monspessulana

Common Name(s):

montpellier broom

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial.

Features:

Much-branched, usually evergreen shrub up to 2.5m high; twigs villous, particularly when young, round and ribbed. Leaves usually sparsely to densely clothed in appressed hairs on both surfaces, sometimes subglabrous above, petiolate, 3-foliolate; leaflets shortly petiolulate, obovate, acute to obtuse and shortly mucronate, 7~20 x 4~10mm; terminal leaflet larger than lateral leaflets; stipules triangular to lanceolate, up to 2.5mm long. Infl. a cluster, with axis < 10mm long, of 4~7 flowers, terminating short lateral branches; pedicels approx. 3mm long. Calyx densely hairy, bilabiate; upper lip deeply bifid; lower lip shortly 3-lobed. Corolla yellow to golden yellow, 9~13mm long; standard glabrous. Pod densely villous, oblong, 3~6-seeded, around 18~20mm long; seeds green to black, ellipsoid or orbicular, flattened, approx. 2.5mm diam. (Webb et. al., 1988)

Flowering:

May, June, July, August, September, October, November

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