

Gorse - *Ulex europaeus*



Description

Gorse is a sprawling woody, spiky shrub growing up to 3m in height. The foliage is sharp, deeply grooved, evergreen spines. Flowers are yellow and coconut scented, and can be present on the plant all year round - though are typically present spring-summer.

The species prefers dry, acid to neutral soils of poor nutrient availability, and is found in health-land, woodland edges and other scrub habitats.

Soil regimes

Soil reaction (R)	5
Nitrogen availability (N)	3

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