SOME TYPES OF IMPORTED SCOTCH ARE MORE WELCOME THAN OTHERS...
Dear Partner in Conservation,
Scotch (Scot’s) Broom (*Cystisus scoparius*), introduced from Europe in the 1800’s as an ornamental shrub and—some say—as packing material for valuable cargo (including Scotch whiskey), now threatens our islands’ fragile ecosystem by crowding out native plant and wildlife habitat. Classified in Washington State as a noxious weed, the best way to eradicate this invasive shrub is to pull it up by its entire root before the seeds emerge. Pulled plants should be chipped or burned; roots can start growing again if buried or mulched. **For expert advice on removing Scotch Broom or preparing a site restoration plan once its gone, contact Dean Dougherty, our Stewardship Director, at (360) 376-7133.**