



SOME TYPES OF IMPORTED SCOTCH ARE MORE  
WELCOME THAN OTHERS...

**Dear Partner in Conservation,**

Scotch (Scot's) Broom (*Cystius 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.***