

GORSE



Perennial plants 1 to 9 ft., may reach up to 16' in height.
Pea-like yellow flowers in March to July depending on
location

Typical yellow pea flower: usually single and at branch tips
in March and April

Plants are leafless except as seedlings when they have the
typical trifoliate leaves of many legumes. Older plants are a
solid mass of dense sharp spines

Seeds are contained in pea-like pods and last up to 70 years
Highly flammable and has an oil content of 2 to 4%. In
1936 It was the plant that burned down Bandon, Or.