

Gorse

(*Ulex europaeus*)



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Description: Spikey dark green evergreen shrub with bright yellow flowers from January to June.

Family: Pea

Size: Up to 2,000 mm

Food: Sunlight

Habitat: Many different ones, it can be found anywhere from heathland to coastal grassland



Gorse bushes are dense and spikey and therefore provide great protection for a range of birds and insects. The long flowering time means gorse is important for insects trying to find nectar early in the year before many other plants flower. The flowers have a slight coconut smell and can be used to flavour liquids like tea.



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