PLANT FACT SHEET

Ulex europaeus L.

GENUS *Ulex* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Golden gorse

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: bud, Leaves - tea

The flower buds are pickled in vinegar and eaten in salads. The young shoots are chewed.
The leaf buds are used as a substitute for tea.
The flowers are made into wine.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows 2 m high and spreads 2 m wide. The stem is sturdy and hairy. It has many branches. Young plants have small compound leaves with 3 leaflets. Later the leaves are thread-like spines. The flowers are golden yellow. They are pea like. They are fragrant.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It will grow in most soils and positions. It is resistant to drought and frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from treated (scarified) seed. Plants can also grow from cuttings.

NOTES

There are 20 Ulex species.

PICTURES



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