

Furze Furze

Ulex europaeus

Description

- A spiny shrub, with compact leaves and green stems
- The branches have spines that get into a massive bunch of tangles
- The many yellow, pea-like flowers are found near the end of the branches, and release a strong coconut scent.
- The pods are short and grey-hairy.
- Often forms dense areas



Photos: Andrew Darlow

Distribution

- One of the main invasive species of pasture and scrubland at middle altitudes

Habitat

Habitat includes:

- Furze scrub
- Mid-level pasture
- Tall semi-woody alien stands
- Upland pasture
- Pinus/other conifer woodland

