



Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District Noxious Weeds Control Program

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Have you seen this plant?

Gorse is an invasive introduced species that resembles Scotch Broom, but with dense spines instead of leaves. It grows particularly aggressively on seaside cliffs and poses a **significant fire hazard** if ignited due to the highly flammable oils it contains. In addition to acting as an accelerant for fires, burnt gorse stands will regrow quickly and often more densely after a fire, further increasing fire risk for the area.

The Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District is launching a new program to treat and locate any and all Gorse infestations within Lincoln County, at **no cost to landowners** receiving treatment. The majority of known infestations in Lincoln County occur on or near coastal cliffs and bluffs, rather than inland areas. Areas in the County with known Gorse infestations include **Lincoln City, Otter Rock, Agate & Nye Beach, and Waldport**- however, it may be present elsewhere.



Left unchecked, Gorse infestations pose significant fire hazard to buildings near it; overgrowth of Gorse was the main contributing factor to the fire that destroyed most of Bandon in 1939.

We urge all landowners who may have Gorse on their property to participate in this free program.

Think you have gorse? Contact:

(541) 265-2631

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for **FREE** chemical treatment.

Visit gorseactiongroup.org to learn more.

