

# What's Blooming Now?

Deerweed (*Acmispon glabra*)



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Looking for a small shrub (3' x 3') that ticks off a lot of boxes?

- Drought tolerant – no summer water after established
- Poor soil tolerant – a pioneer species in California chaparral, self-seeding
- Fixes nitrogen, fertilizing the soil
- Takes full sun
- Blooms most of the summer with prolific lovely yellow pea-like flowers
- Often called California Broom since it is our native broom-like plant
- Terrific habitat plant - providing shelter for ground-nesting birds, foliage for caterpillars and nectar for butterflies and bees.

Deerweed has similar cultural conditions as *Ceanothus* and they should do well together, with some overlap of blooming season and nicely contrasting colors. Cut it back in the fall to stimulate new growth and keep it tidy.

Talk to your local nursery to see if it is appropriate for your specific needs and location.