

Hirschman's Pond Scotch Broom Challenges 2018

Sierra Streams is teaming up with local landowners, schools, businesses, organizations and agencies to remove scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*), a highly aggressive non-native invasive weed species, at Hirschman's Pond as part of a Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 1 supported Healthy Forest and Watershed Restoration project.



Join us Rain or Shine!

Where: Hirschman's Pond

When: Three Saturday's -
March 10th, March 31st, and April 7th.
9am-noon

Meeting Point: Wood's Ravine
Trailhead, Indian Trail Rd.

What to Bring: Water Bottle,
Sun/Rain Protection, Bag Lunch and
Sturdy Shoes.

Provided: Water, Gloves, Snacks and
Tools

Why is scotch broom a pest?

- Scotch broom is highly flammable
- Displaces native and beneficial vegetation.
- Costly in areas where forest production is impeded by its growth
- Forms dense stands that impede movement of wildlife and degrades habitat.
- Seeds can live in the seedbank for over 80 years!
- One shrub can produce thousands of seeds (up to 15,000) after two years of growth.
- Seeds can be transported over long distances by animals, humans, water, and vehicles.
- Scotch broom can tolerate a wide range of environmental and soil conditions.

