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*Cytisus*

*Leguminosae*

[*Fabaceae/Papilionaceae*]

*Cytisus* is a corruption of the name of a Greek Aegean island, Cythnus (more recently known as Thermia), on which broom abounds or possibly a derivative of Greek *kytisos* used for some kinds of woody plants in the same family.

Members of this family absorb nitrogen from the air. Through the bacterial nodules on their deep growing roots, they will introduce nitrogen to the soil (and aerate it), to the benefit of neighbouring plants and any following them in the same soil.