

Bust broom this May

Join North Coast Land Conservancy, remove invasive Scotch broom

WARRENTON — North Coast North Coast Land Conservancy is seeking volunteers to clear Scotch broom from its Reed Ranch Habitat Reserve from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 18.

Each May, NCLC works

to remove invasive Scotch broom from its properties and encourages its neighbors on the Oregon Coast to do the same.

This year the conservancy's focus is on the coastal prairie and Neacoxie Wildlife Corridor. On May 18, NCLC will be targeting the remaining Scotch broom missed by the forestry mulcher that removed large swaths of broom last winter from the steeper dune slopes

at 117-acre Reed Ranch, west of Cullaby Lake.

Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact NCLC Stewardship Director Melissa Reich at 503-738-9126 or melissar@nclctrust.org for more details or directions. Volunteers should wear sturdy boots and gloves and bring drinking water and lunch.

Property owners are encouraged to remove Scotch broom and other invasive

plants from their own properties during May — "Broom-Buster Month" on the Oregon Coast. Widely planted and admired in the early 20th century for its bright yellow blossoms, Scotch broom out-competes native plants and is turning open coastal prairies into a monoculture of dense, weedy shrubs, destroying the habitat that many coastal animals need to survive.

For details or tips on how and when to remove Scotch broom from your property, visit NCLCtrust.org



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Volunteers work to bust Scotch broom on Onion Peak in May 2015. The public is invited to remove Scotch broom May 18.

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