| | <u>Ulex europaeus</u> | ? Ulex x breoganii | <u>Ulex gallii</u> |
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| COLOUR | Grey-green, glaucous | Mid-green | Dark green |
| HABIT | Spreading shrub to 2(2.5) m | Similar | Spreading shrub to 1.5(2) m |
| SPINES | Deeply grooved 2 -2.5 cm long Spines straight *KM Point 2 mm | Intermediate | Moderately furrowed 1-2.5 cm Spines curved <i>KM</i> Pt 1-1.5 mm |
| FLOWERS | 15-20mm Yellow Bright yellow <i>KM</i> Dead flowers visible in autumn <i>VK</i> | Late autumn and winter More golden than yellow | 10-13mm Summer to Autumn Golden <i>KM</i> Dead flowers in spring <i>VK</i> |
| STANDARD | 12 -18 mm | Small | 11 - 17 mm |
| CALYX | 10-16 (20) mm. Spreading hairs CTW | Both spreading & appressed | 8-13.5 mm Appressed hairs CTW |
| BRACTEOLES | 1.8 - 4.5 x 1.5 - 4 mm ≥2 x as wide as pedicels At least 2 mm wide | Intermediate | 0.5-0.8 x 0.6-0.8 mm ≤2x as wide as pedicels Not more than 1 mm CTW |
| PEDICELS | 2-3 mm densely velvety CTW | Intermediate | 3.5 mm appressed hairs CTW |
| OVULES | (8) 9-14 (16) | Intermediate | (3) 4-6 (7) |
| FRUITS | (12) 14-17 (19) MM | Intermediate | (8) 9-13 (14) mm |
| POD | 15 mm | Intermediate | 10 mm |
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