

Hamamelis virginiana

CommonWitch Hazel

Zone: 4-8

Height: 15'

Width: 15'

Crown: Round, vase, irregular
Growth Rate: Slow
Soil: Loam, sand
pH: Acidic, slightly alkaline
Drainage: Well drained
Drought: Moderate tolerance
Pests: Few if any
Disease: Few if any
Breakage: Resistant



Witch Hazel produces fragrant flowers in late fall or early winter. They have strap like petals which are yellow. They are not a showy bloom, but their the only thing going at that time of year. Stem cuttings can be forced indoors for fragrance. Fall color is yellow and often at its peak when flowers are out. Witch Hazel does well in part shade or full sun. It will take some drought but not for extended periods. There seem to be no diseases or pest that bother this plant. In shade the plant is more open than when grown in sun. Removing lower branches will give a more tree like form, but this plant suckers freely from the roots at the base of the tree, so you will have to cut these off frequently. Robinson Nursery offers H. virginiana in many sizes of bare root shrubs.