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Wisley Supreme Witchhazel

Hamamelis mollis 'Wisley Supreme'



Wisley Supreme Witchhazel flowers
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Height: 12 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Chinese Witch Hazel

Description:

A large, rounded shrub which brings color and fragrance to the late winter garden when most other plants are still dormant; fragrant golden yellow flowers appear along the bare branches; leaves emerge yellow-green, mature to green, then yellow fall color

Ornamental Features

Wisley Supreme Witchhazel features showy fragrant yellow strap-like flowers with crimson eyes along the branches from late winter to early spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges chartreuse in spring. The serrated round leaves turn an outstanding yellow in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Wisley Supreme Witchhazel is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Wisley Supreme Witchhazel is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Wisley Supreme Witchhazel will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.