



Hamamelis virginiana



Height	3 – 5 (8) m
Width	4-5m
Crown	broad vase-shaped, light, open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	twigs green-brown, hairy, bark gray to grey-brown, smooth
Leaf	obovate, 12-15 cm long, medium green, slightly shiny
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	with four very narrow petals, yellow, 1.5-2.5 cm tall, in compact clusters, October-November
Fruits	dry capsule, dark brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, acid soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	5b (-26,0 to -23,4 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Application	tree containers
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem

Hamamelis virginiana is a very sturdy shrub to small tree with an open structure formed by a number of main branches growing upward at an angle from the base. The crown is irregularly broad vase-shaped to round. Usually the tree grows about 5 m high, but under good conditions it can reach 8 m or even higher. The twigs are greenish brown and softly hairy, the older bark is grey to greyish brown and always smooth. The hefty inverted ovoid leaves are mid-green with a slightly wavy leaf edge. In autumn, they turn a beautiful golden yellow. The odourless flowers appear in compact clusters in the leaf axils. They consist of four very narrow, yellow petals that are slightly twisted. Unlike other witch-hazels, Hamamelis virginiana flowers in autumn. Since both the autumn colour and the flowers are yellow, the flowers are not very conspicuous among the discoloured foliage. For growers, this species is interesting because young seedlings are used to graft on the different cultivars of Hamamelis xintermedia. For the user, it is mainly the beautiful yellow autumn colour that makes this species attractive. The tree likes slightly acidic to slightly basic, moist but sufficiently permeable soil. Moderately wind resistant, but suitable for use in light shade.