

Hamamelis 'Brevipetala'

Brevipetala witch hazel



Hamamelis 'Brevipetala' (witch hazel 'Brevipetala') is a beautiful cross between *Hamamelis mollis* and *Hamamelis vernalis* with ochre-yellow flowers. The cultivar was brought to the market in 1935 by the Large Rose Gardens of the Loire Valley, Orléans, France. It is the strongest growing cultivar of all witch hazels, with a wide vase-shaped habit and a final height and width of 3.5 metres.

Hamamelis 'Brevipetala' produces rich blossom in January and February with numerous clusters of small flowers that have a herby fragrance. The autumn colour of this witch hazel is golden yellow, turning bronze-red in the winter months. The leaves stay on the twigs for a long time and therefore form a beautiful, dark backdrop for the ochre-yellow leaves.

Hamamelis 'Brevipetala' ideally likes to be in a sunny location, sheltered slightly from the wind, in an open, moist and acidic soil. Witch hazels are tolerant to clay soils, as long as there is no stagnant water. For the first year after planting, a *Hamamelis* must absolutely not be allowed to dry out. Place the shrub in a solitary place, possibly with low shrubs or perennials at its foot. The 'Brevipetala' witch hazel can be pruned to a limited extent, straight after the blossom. You should mainly prune the rising shoots from the rootstock and the dead wood. If further pruning is necessary, only prune twigs that are the thickness of a pencil.

SEASONAL COLOURS



TYPES OF PLANTING

Tree types: solitary shrubs

USE

Location: park, central reservation, large garden, small garden, cemetery | **Pavement:** none

CHARACTERISTICS

Crown shape: wide vase-shaped | **Crown structure:** semi-open | **Height:** 2.5 - 3.5 m | **Width:** 2.5 - 3.5 m | **Winter hardiness zone:** 6B - 9B

ASPECTS

Wind: slightly tolerant to wind | **Soil:** loess, sabulous clay, peaty, heavy clay, light clay, sand, loamy soil, all soils | **Nutrient level:** moderately rich in nutrients, rich in nutrients | **Soil moisture level:** moist | **Light requirements:** sun | **pH range:** acidic (4.5 - 6.5) | **Host plant/forage plant:** bees, butterflies

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Flowers: heads, striking, small, flower-scented | **Flower colour:** ochre | **Flowering period:** January - February | **Leaf colour:** dark green | **Leaves:** deciduous, obovate, rough | **Autumn colour:** yellow-orange | **Fruits:** discrete, small, nut | **Fruit colour:** brown | **Bark colour:** pale brown | **Bark:** smooth | **Twig colour:** brown | **Twigs:** bare | **Root system:** deep, shallow, coarse roots, tap root