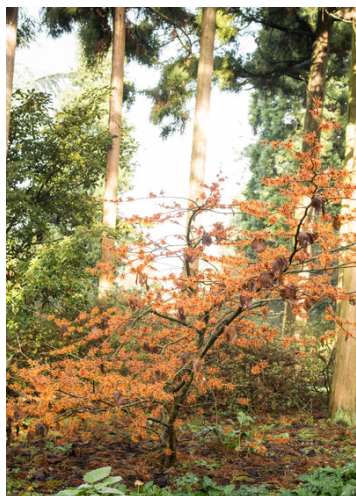


Hamamelis x intermedia 'Aphrodite'

Aphrodite witch hazel



Hamamelis x intermedia 'Aphrodite' (witch hazel 'Aphrodite') probably comes from a cross between *Hamamelis x intermedia* 'Vesna' and *Hamamelis x intermedia* 'Pallida'. The shrub was brought to the market in 1985 by J.H.M. van Heijningen from Breda. The colour of the flowers is similar to the 'Jelena', but a warmer tone. In 1993, the 'Aphrodite' witch hazel was presented with a 'Certificate of Merit' by the Assessment Committee.

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Aphrodite' is a robust shrub with a mature height and width of up to four metres and a wide vase-shaped habit. The blossom in the winter months is a beautiful warm orange, the flowers have a light fragrance and long petals. The leaves of this witch hazel are large, inverse ovoid and matt green, turning a golden yellow to deep red in the autumn, depending on the soil and sun.

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Aphrodite' prefers to be planted in a sunny location, sheltered from the wind, in an open, moist and acidic soil. Any type of soil is acceptable, provided the soil is rich in nutrients and there is no stagnant water. For the first year after planting, a witch hazel must absolutely not be allowed to dry out. Place the shrub in a solitary place, possibly with ground cover, low shrubs or perennials at its foot. The 'Aphrodite' witch hazel can be pruned to a very limited extent after the blossom in March. 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, cemetery | **Pavement:** none

CHARACTERISTICS

Crown shape: wide vase-shaped | **Crown structure:** semi-open | **Height:** 2.5 - 4 m | **Width:** 2.5 - 4 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 | **Host plant/forage plant:** bees, butterflies, nectar value 1, pollen value 1

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Flowers: heads, striking, small, flower-scented | **Flower colour:** orange | **Flowering period:** January - February | **Leaf colour:** dark green | **Leaves:** deciduous, obovate, big, rough | **Autumn colour:** red | **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