

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Arnold Promise'

Arnold Promise witch hazel



Hamamelis x intermedia 'Arnold Promise' (witch hazel 'Arnold Promise') is a strongly scented cultivar with yellow blossom. The blossom is richer than the main variety and a somewhat darker yellow. The cultivar originates from the Arnold Arboretum in the United States, from a seedling of the *Hamamelis mollis* pollinated by *Hamamelis japonica*. Visitors to the arboretum continue to ask about this witch hazel due to its wonderful fragrance. In 1963, the most beautiful shrub from the seedlings was described as 'Arnold Promise'.

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Arnold Promise' produces beautiful winter blossom and has a wide, vase-shaped habit, growing to become four metres tall and wide. The delicate, yellow flowers open in January and February. This witch hazel blossoms a little later than other cultivars and the flowers remain on the tree for longer. The summer leaves are green to dark green. In this season, the shrub does not have a striking appearance. But in October, 'Arnold Promise' is an eye-catcher once again, with leaves that turn a deep yellow-orange.

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Arnold Promise' prefers to be planted in a sunny location, sheltered from the wind, in an open, moist, 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 *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 'Arnold Promise' 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 | **Topiary on stem:** multi-stem umbrella

USE

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

CHARACTERISTICS

Crown shape: wide vase-shaped | **Crown structure:** semi-open | **Height:** 3 - 4 m | **Width:** 3 - 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 (4.5 - 7.0) | **Host plant/forage plant:** bees, butterflies, nectar value 1, pollen value 1

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