

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Jelena'

Jelena witch hazel



Hamamelis x intermedia 'Jelena' (witch hazel 'Jelena') was selected from seedlings by the Kalmthout Arboretum in Belgium and named after the owner, Jelena Belder. In 1955, the shrub received a 'Certificate of Merit' following assessment by the Royal Horticultural Society in England. It is a particularly beautiful cultivar with a lightly fragranced, rich blossom and an open, wide, vase-shaped growth.

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Jelena' is striking thanks to the large flowers with an unusual colour. A dark red violet at the base, graduating via orange to golden yellow at the ends of the flowers. The autumn colour of this witch hazel varies from yellow and orange to red-violet, starting at the edges of the leaves, until eventually the whole leaf has a deep violet colour.

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Jelena' likes a location in the full sun or light shade, in an acidic and moist soil. The shrub thrives in all soil types, as long as the soil is nutrient rich and has good permeability. For the first year after planting, a *Hamamelis* must absolutely not be allowed to dry out. The 'Jelena' 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. In the early years, the 'Jelena' cultivar has few branches and the shrub is thinner than other cultivars. Later it thickens out.

SEASONAL COLOURS



TYPES OF PLANTING

Tree types: multi-stemmed trees, 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, small, weakly scented | **Flower colour:** orange | **Flowering period:** January - February | **Leaf colour:** dark green | **Leaves:** deciduous, obovate, ovoid, rough | **Autumn colour:** orange-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