

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Pallida'

Pallida witch hazel



Hamamelis x intermedia 'Pallida' (witch hazel 'Pallida') was cultivated from a seed in 1931 at Wisley Garden, England. There are further clones in cultivation that vary in terms of blossom and flower fragrance. 'Pallida' is one of the best cultivars, with a rich blossom, relatively large flowers and a strong, pleasant fragrance. It is a large shrub, up to four metres tall and wide, with a wide vase-shaped habit.

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Pallida' is an eye-catcher in the winter, when the delicate, pale yellow to golden yellow flowers open. The blossom will stop during a period of frost but, as soon as the temperature rises, the shrub continues to blossom. In the summer, witch hazels are less striking, with large, dark green leaves that feel rough to the touch. In the autumn, the 'Pallida' cultivar turns a beautiful golden yellow to warm brown.

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Pallida' 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 *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 'Pallida' 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: 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, flower-scented | **Flower colour:** pale yellow, golden yellow | **Flowering period:** January - February | **Leaf colour:** dark green | **Leaves:** deciduous, obovate, rough | **Autumn colour:** golden yellow | **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