

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Westerstede'

Westerstede witch hazel



Hamamelis x intermedia 'Westerstede' (witch hazel 'Westerstede') is the last of the witch hazels to blossom, the flowers open in February. This cultivar comes from a cross between *Hamamelis mollis* and the *Hamamelis japonica* 'Zuccheriana', cultivated in 1977 by Helmers Nurseries in Westerstede, Germany.

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Westerstede' produces rich blossom in February and March with yellow flowers on the bare wood. The flower have little to no fragrance. In frost, the flowers curl up to protect themselves. When the frost disappears, the witch hazel continues to blossom. The autumn colour of the 'Westerstede' is bronze-orange.

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Westerstede' likes a location in the full sun or light shade, in an acidic and moist soil. The species can thrive 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. Place the shrub in a solitary place with sufficient space to grow. Restrict the pruning of the 'Westerstede' witch hazel to removing the rising shoots from the rootstock and the dead wood, after the blossom in March. 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, scented | **Flower colour:** yellow | **Flowering period:** February - March | **Leaf colour:** dark green | **Leaves:** deciduous, obovate, 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