

# Hamamelis vernalis 'Amethyst'

## Amethyst Ozark witchhazel



*Hamamelis vernalis* 'Amethyst' (Ozark witchhazel 'Amethyst') is a medium-sized shrub up to three metres tall and wide with a wide, vase-shaped, loose habit. The shrub was selected from crosses between *Hamamelis vernalis* and *Hamamelis x intermedia* from 1980 by tree grower and witch hazel specialist Tim Brotzman in Ohio, the United States, and brought to the market in 2003. It is one of the few witch hazels with violet blossom.

*Hamamelis vernalis* 'Amethyst' produces rich blossom in January and February with small, red-violet, sweet smelling flowers on the bare wood. In frost, the flowers curl up to protect themselves. When the frost disappears, the witch hazel continues to blossom. The autumn colour of the 'Amethyst' is a lovely deep red to red-violet.

*Hamamelis vernalis* 'Amethyst' 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 'Amethyst' ozark 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

### USE

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

### CHARACTERISTICS

**Crown shape:** wide vase-shaped | **Crown structure:** semi-open | **Height:** 2 - 3 m | **Width:** 2 - 3 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

### PLANTKENMERKEN

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