

## Hamamelis vernalis

### (Ozark witch hazel, Vernal witch hazel)

The origin of the name of Hamamelis comes from the Greek words hama which means at the same time, and melon which means fruit, and this refers to the fruit and flowers existing at the same time on the shrub. The shrub is equally tolerant of wet/dry site, sunny/shady site, and gravelly/clay soils; therefore, they make an excellent choice for erosion site, neglected or naturalized areas.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Noisetier des sorcières

**Pronunciation:** ham-ah-MAY-lis ver-NAL-is

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** Southern and central United States

**Heat Zones:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

**Hardiness Zones:** 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

**Uses:** Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Border Plant, Container, Windbreak, Erosion control, Water/Rain Garden

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Round

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 1.5 to 3 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 1.5 to 3 meters, 3 to 5 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Deciduous

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Ovate

**Leaf Margins:** Crenate

**Leaf Textures:** Medium

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green, Yellow, Orange, Brown, Red

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** Yellow, Orange, Red, Purple, Pink

**Seasons:** Spring, Winter

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Smooth

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Capsule

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Colors:** Orange, Brown, Red

**Seasons:** Spring, Winter

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### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** Yes

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Diseases:** Powdery Mildew, Leaf Spots, Root rot

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Caterpillars, Beetles

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting, Layering

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