Green Thumb Witchhazel

Hamamelis virginiana 'Green Thumb'



Green Thumb Witchhazel foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Witch Hazel

Description:

A large shrub with an upright, wide-spreading habit of growth; foliage emerges with yellowish, to pale green margins, around irregular darker green centers; fall colors in shades of yellow; grow where space is not a problem

Ornamental Features

Green Thumb Witchhazel has fragrant buttery yellow strap-like flowers along the branches in late fall before the leaves, which are interesting on close inspection. It has light green-variegated dark green foliage with hints of yellow. The serrated round leaves turn an outstanding yellow in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Green Thumb Witchhazel is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Green Thumb Witchhazel is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Green Thumb Witchhazel will grow to be about 18 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.