Sandra Witchhazel

Hamamelis vernalis 'Sandra'



Sandra Witchhazel
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 9 feet

Spread: 13 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Witch Hazel

Description:

A medium sized shrub featuring lemon yellow flowers with red bases along the bare branches in mid to late winter, deep purple new foliage and spectacular fall colors; a very adaptable plant, highly prized for the winter garden

Ornamental Features

Sandra Witchhazel has fragrant orange strap-like flowers with red calyces along the branches from late winter to early spring before the leaves. It has attractive green foliage with plum purple undersides which emerges burgundy in spring. The serrated oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding brick red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Sandra Witchhazel is a dense 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Sandra Witchhazel is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Sandra Witchhazel will grow to be about 9 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 13 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 approximately 30 years.

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 or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.