

# Hamamelis x intermedia 'Orange Peel'

## Orange Peel witch hazel



*Hamamelis x intermedia* 'Orange Peel' (witch hazel 'Orange Peel') is a truly orange cultivar, with a narrower habit than most witch hazels. That makes this shrub suitable for smaller gardens and patios too. 'Orange Peel' was brought to the market in 1988 by the Kalmthout Arboretum in Belgium.

*Hamamelis x intermedia* 'Orange Peel' produces rich blossom in January and February with bright orange flowers on the bare wood. The petals are broader than almost all other cultivars. In frost, the flowers curl up to protect themselves. When the frost disappears, the witch hazel continues to blossom. The autumn colour of the 'Orange Peel' is yellow, orange and red.

*Hamamelis x intermedia* 'Orange Peel' 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. The 'Orange Peel' witch hazel can be pruned to a very limited extent after the blossom in March. You should mainly prune the rising shoots from the rootstock and the dead wood. If further pruning is necessary, only prune twigs that are the thickness of a pencil.

### SEASONAL COLOURS



### TYPES OF PLANTING

**Tree types:** multi-stemmed trees, solitary shrubs

### USE

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

### CHARACTERISTICS

**Crown shape:** wide vase-shaped | **Crown structure:** semi-open | **Height:** 2.5 - 3.5 m | **Width:** 1.5 - 2.5 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

### PLANTKENMERKEN

**Flowers:** heads, striking, small, scented | **Flower colour:** orange | **Flowering period:** January - February | **Leaf colour:** dark green | **Leaves:** deciduous, obovate, rough | **Autumn colour:** yellow-orange | **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