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# COMMON WITCHHAZEL

*Hamamelis virginiana*

Unique large shrub with interesting foliage and flowers, which bloom in late fall following leaf drop.

## Growing Information

**Sunlight** Part sun to shade  
**Soil Type** Moist to average, acidic  
**Height** 10–15', can be larger in wild  
**Flowering calendar** October

## Benefits for Wildlife

**Leaves** Yes  
**Flowers** Yes  
**Fruit** Yes  
**Seeds** Yes

Host to 63 caterpillar species, including:  
 (common names) Large Lace-Border; Definite  
 Tussock Moth; Funerary Dagger Moth; Spiny  
 Oak-Slug Moth; Hickory Tussock Moth;  
 Polyphemus Moth; Whitemarked Tussock  
 Moth; Anointed Sallow

## Benefits for People

- Interesting foliage and flowers
- Leaves and bark used historically for teas, medicines, salves, etc.

## Natural Habitat

- Understory tree/shrub in moist mixed hardwood forests

