

# Linebacker Evergreen Witch Hazel



## *Distylium 'Linebacker'*

- **Use:** *Distylium* is a member of the witch hazel family, and are virtually unknown here in North America.....at least in the landscape trade. But that is quickly changing, as new hybrid varieties have been developed & marketed exclusively for a wide variety of uses in the landscape / nursery industry. These new *Distylium* hybrids are now being produced within the U.S., and are beginning to make their way into landscapes across the country. with several new hybrid varieties planned for development over the next few years. Linebacker has a nice densely branched habit, and is fairly similar in coloration & foliage appearance as the Coppertone *Distylium*, but a much taller and upright grower. It can however, be trimmed in order to be maintained at a variety of shapes, heights, widths, etc.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Grows in full to part sun. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Will tolerate wet soil.
- **Growth:** Grows 8-10' tall and 6-8' wide with layered branches are held in graceful, arching sweeps.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-10 ; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen; Foliage is a nice dark bluish green - new growth is coppery red color, and holds that unusual color for quite some time before maturing into the dark bluish green. There is a period of time usually in mid spring or so when the combination of the coppery colored new growth, and the nice darker blue / green mature foliage gives an almost "rainbow". or distinct multicolored foliage effect. Truly beautiful.....and unusual.
- **Flower:** Small reddish / maroon flowers begin to appear in late winter, lasting for several weeks.



**They are an outstanding alternative to commonly used species such as cherry laurels, junipers, hollies, Indian hawthorn, and even boxwood.**

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