

Arnold's Promise Witch Hazel



Reasonably care-free, witch hazel will grow into an attractive form with minimal pruning. Water regularly for the first year and during periods of extended drought after. It is rarely bothered by pests or diseases.

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Arnold Promise'

- **Use:** Flowers with wavy clear yellow petals and red cups appear on the bare branches of this unusual shrub, supplying blazing color in late winter. The open, spreading habit and rich yellow and orange fall foliage brings additional flare to the landscape. Plant near entries and patios to enjoy the fragrance. The fruit capsules mature a year after flowering, splitting open to expel seeds that are attractive to birds. Tolerant of road salt and clay soil, this is a great specimen plant, or for naturalized landscape. Although young plants are not deer resistant older plants are left alone. An introduction of the Arnold Arboretum in Boston. A Royal Horticultural Society of Great Britain Award of Garden Merit plant (1993).
- **Exposure/Soil:** Best flowering in full sun, but maybe happier with a little afternoon shade here in the South. Easily grown in average, medium moisture, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. Prefers moist, acidic, organically rich soils. Tolerates heavy clay soils. Promptly remove suckers to prevent colonial spread. Little pruning is required. Prune in early spring if necessary.
- **Growth:** Moderate growing, large shrub; reaches 12 ft. tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zones 5-9, Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; Broad-oval, green leaves (to 6" long). Yellow-orange to yellow fall color can be quite attractive.
- **Flower:** noted for its sweetly fragrant flowers and later bloom than most of the other *x intermedia* cultivars. Axillary clusters of bright yellow flowers (to 1" long), each with four narrow, ribbon-like, crinkled petals and a reddish-green calyx cup, bloom along the stems in February to March.

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