

# Diane 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 'Diane'*

- **Use:** Prized for its copper-red to red flowers, considered one of the best of the red flowering varieties. They are particularly noted for their spidery, often fragrant, mid- to late winter flowers which appear before the spring foliage emerges. Rich, orange-red fall color. A popular European introduction. (Hamamelis × intermedia hybrids are crosses between Japanese witch hazel (*H. japonica*) and Chinese witch hazel (*H. mollis*). Fairly deer resistant, but protect young plants.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Best flowering in full sun. 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; reaches 12 to 20 ft. tall and 10-15' ft wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zones 5-9, Shrub/ Small Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; Broad-oval green leaves (to 6" long) turn attractive shades of yellow, orange and red in fall.
- **Flower:** It is noted for its winter-blooming, mildly fragrant, red to copper-red flowers (to 1" long), each having four, narrow, ribbon-like, crinkly petals. Axillary clusters of these flowers bloom along the stems from late January to March.

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