

# CELEBRATION OF TREES



## Witch Hazel

*Hamamelis virginicus*

### CHARACTERISTICS

**Height:** 15' - 20'

**Width:** 15' - 20'

**Identification:** Witch hazel is a fall blooming deciduous large shrub that is native to woodlands, stream sides, and on forest edges. The yellow flowers that resemble crinkled ribbons is one of the only fall blooming shrubs.

### GROWING CONDITIONS

**Native Habitat:** Eastern North America (Zone: 3 to 8)

**Water:** Medium

**Sun Light:** Full Sun to Part Shade

Easily grown in average, medium moisture and well drained soils. They prefer rich organic soils and will produce sucker branches.

### BENEFITS

Witch Hazel is a common ingredient in many topical ointments used to treat a wide variety of skin ailments. The leaves and bark are used to create a poultice for an assortment of skin ailments. The fruits and seeds attract a variety of birds include wild turkey.

*Source: Missouri Botanical Garden Website*



White showy flowers attract birds and butterflies.



Flowers give way to blue-black, berry-like drupes, which are quite attractive to birds and wildlife.