



**Plant of The Month March 2024:  
Ozark witch hazel/*Hamamelis vernalis***



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Is your garden crying out for February colour? Do the early pollinators seek nourishment? Is there fragrance and graceful form, along with bloom from top to toe in late winter in your garden? If not, *Hamamelis vernalis* (Ozark witch hazel) is the plant for you!

**DETAILS:**

***Growing Conditions:***

**Sun:** full to part shade

**Water:** medium

**Maintenance:** low

**Tolerates:** deer, erosion, clay soil

**Zone:** 4-8

***Description / Characteristics:***

**Height x Spread:** 1.8m-3m x 2.40m – 4.5m

**Bloom time and description:** January-April, showy, fragrant yellow with red inner calyx, good fall colour

**Fruit:** non-showy dehiscent capsule which splits in Sept.-Oct.

**Attracts:** birds

***Pests & Disease:*** food for caterpillars, Japanese beetles, aphids, scale, leafroller & leaf miner, occasional powdery mildew & occasional leaf spots & rot – seldom anything serious, rarely requires chemical control

***Propagation:*** spreads by runners, which are easily removed

***Special value:*** early pollinators, overwintering honeybees

***Toxicity:*** n/a

**Common Names:** Ozark witch-hazel, Vernal witch-hazel, Winter bloom

**Origin:** southern and central U.S.A.