

# *Hamamelis virginiana*

## American witch hazel



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The Witch-Hazel Family  
(Hamamelidaceae)

This perennial shrub, reaches 12-30 feet tall; has smooth, gray bark; alternate, deciduous, simple leaves.

**Habitat:** It is often found along streams or edges of woods.

**Interesting Facts:** The fruit of this tree explodes when it's ripe in order to disperse the seeds inside.

**Fruit:** is a small, green pod and matures in fall.

**Flower:** is a small, yellow, spider-like blossom; found in fall after leaves fall.

**Wildlife value:** Many animals eat the seeds, including beavers, deer, and birds.