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A classic harbinger of fall

The Common Witchhazel - Hamamelis virginiana - is a great native, cold hardy, small tree or multi stemmed shrub. It is in bloom right now and signals that football and hunting season is upon us.



Common Witchhazel grows in full sun to partial shade and makes a perfect understory or woodland edge plant. The glossy green summer leaves have an attractive yellow fall color. It has a slow to moderate growth rate, reaching 15 to 25' tall and 10 to 20' wide.



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The fall bloom is the easiest way to distinguish between the Common Witchhazel and the Vernal Witchazel (H. vernalis, or spring bloomer). This is a great native plant that is well adapted to our local conditions.

When this plant blooms it reminds me of the many pleasures of fall whether you are on the couch, in a stadium, or in the woods - enjoy the season!



Thanks, Kevin