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*Hamamelis*

*Hamamelidaceae*

*Hamamelis* is for some authorities derived from Greek *hama-* (together with) and *mela* (fruit) components with reference to the fact that the flowers and fruit are borne on the shrubs at the same time on one of the species, witch hazel *Hamamelis virginiana*. For others it is a Greek name that was used for a plant with a pear-shaped fruit (possibly the medlar *Mespilus germanica*).