

**MADISON SQUARE  
PARK CONSERVANCY**

# Witch Hazel Collection

*Hamamelis spp.*

**2023**



# ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Madison Square Park is home to a collection of over 70 witch hazels (*Hamamelis* spp.). The first specimen was planted in 2011, with the full collection, comprising five species and many hybrid cultivars, completed in 2020. Designated as one of Madison Square Park's five signature collection plants, witch hazels provide surprise and delight throughout the seasons. This collection received National Accreditation through the Plant Collections Network in 2023.

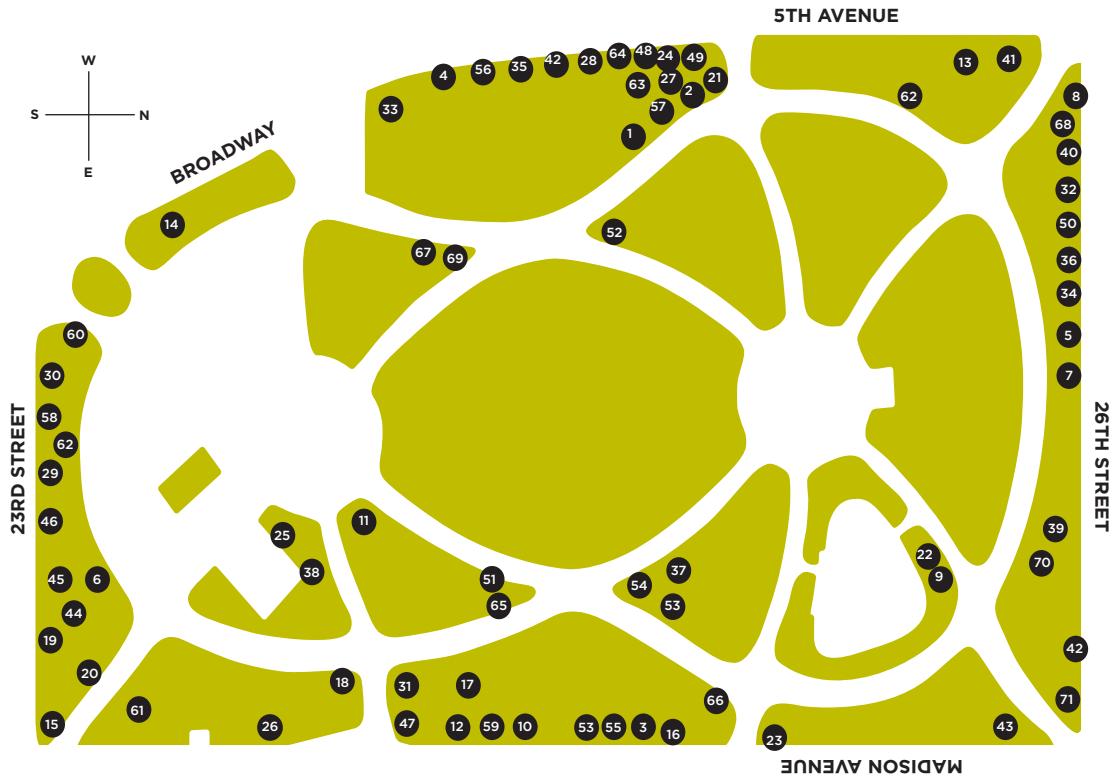
Witch hazels provide winter interest when many other plants are asleep. The vast majority of this collection blooms from late January through mid-March. The small shrub often has very fragrant, spider-like flowers and brilliant fall leaf color ranging from yellow, orange, red, pink, or purple.

Among these specimens, you can find *Hamamelis virginiana*, native to New York City. This witch hazel is the earliest to flower. The ecological importance of this species is far-reaching. Sixty-eight varieties of local caterpillars depend on this species for food. This species also supports 13 families of birds who use *Hamamelis* for shelter and food, bringing attention to beautiful native specimens that can help rewild and restore ecosystems in urban areas. The late-season flowers provide a vital source of nectar that attracts pollinators.

This catalogue outlines the collection of witch hazels found in Madison Square Park. Each specimen is tagged and bears its own accession number.



# EXPLORE THE FLORA



1. *H. x intermedia* 'Amanon'
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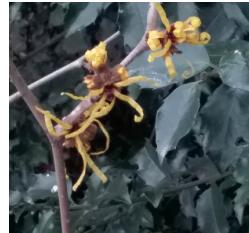
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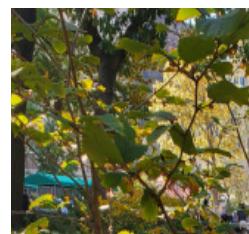
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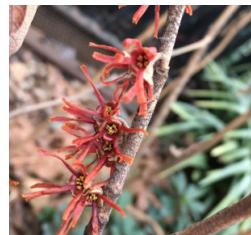
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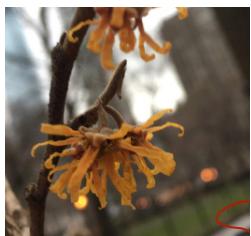
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