

Handy Nursery Plant List

Common Name	Blue Shadow Winter Hazel
Botanical Name	Fothergilla intermedia 'Blue Shadow'
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Form and Flower	A small to medium sized deciduous shrub consisting of a fairly dense network of slender angular stems. It is a non-invasive colonizing plant, which forms a rounded, dense mound. Excellent for massing along borders, as a foundation plant or as an understory plant along the woodland border. The white flowers are honey scented 2-inch spikes with yellow anthers, appearing on the ends of the branches and before the leaves, usually in April to early May. As is the case with its parentage it has proven to be a much more prolific bloomer than either of the species.
Foliage and Fruit	It is difficult to point to a deciduous plant with a better blue color. The leaves will first emerge green, as the leaf reaches mature size and the cuticle layer thickens, it develops in to a soft light blue color. Older plants that have foliage emerging in different stages will exhibit an outstanding combination of both green, blue and transitional colors. In warmer climates this color transition is much quicker and often almost instantaneous. In fall the eaves turn a brilliant combination of yellow, dark red, orange and purple, often all appearing at the same time.
Size	Height 4 to 6' Width 5 to 7'
Zone	4 to 8
Special Notes	Selected as a branch sport from Fothergilla 'Mount Airy', which has been determined to be a cross between F. major and F. gardenii. As a Group the Winter Hazel's are easily established, require no pruning and have no serious disease or insect problems. 'Blue Shadow' is a perfect foil for golden leafed plants in the garden. Handy Nursery introduction.
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