

## Hazel

### Latin name:

*Corylus avellana*, *C. colurna*

### Description:

This shrub needs plenty of light and therefore it is found mainly on the margins of woods. The male catkins are bright yellow and easy to detect from a distance. *Corylus colurna* is occasionally found as an ornamental tree.

### Start of the season:

Depending on the weather, the flowering season might start already at the end of December, whenever temperatures rise significantly above 5 degrees Celsius.

### Allergenicity:

The allergenicity of hazel is moderate to high.

### Crossreactions:

Both alder and hazel pollen cross-react with birch pollen. Very sensitive birch pollen-allergic subjects will suffer when hazel- and alder pollen are in the atmosphere.