

PLANT NAME

Corylus avellana 'Contorta'

COMMON NAME

Corkscrew Hazel. Harry Lauder's walking stick.

ORIGIN

Temperate regions.

FAMILY

Betulaceae



Description: A form of native Hazel this plant really comes into its own in winter when the contorted, twisted bare stems reveal their eye-catching, stunning shapes against the winter sky. Long catkins are borne in spring adding to the overall effect. The foliage is also curled and distorted and is considered unattractive by some. The stems are favoured for floral arrangements.

Climate / Position: Full sun to partial shade.

Height / Spread: Height 3m+. Spread 3m+

Soil Requirements: Fertile well-drained soil. Tolerates chalky soils.

Pruning : None required.

Special Requirements: None required.

Great as a focal point plant in a winter garden. Attracts native wildlife. First introduced in the early 1860s the original plant still grows in Myddelton House. Plant with snowdrops for a dazzling spring display.