

## Hazel - *Corylus avellana*



### Description

Hazel is a multi-stemmed woody shrub. The alternately arranged leaves, are round with serrated edges and a pointed tip. Leaves and leaf stems are hairy. The buds are round and green; catkins emerge Jan-Feb and hazel nuts develop throughout summer and ripening in to autumn - if the squirrels do not get them first.

Hazel grows in dry to slightly moist, neutral to slightly basic, nutrient rich soils - mainly in W8-11 communities. The species was historically coppiced and as such is often a found in ancient semi-natural woodlands.

### Soil regimes

<b>Soil reaction (R)</b>	6
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<b>Nitrogen availability (N)</b>	6
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