



Tamarack, American Larch

Larix laricina

Pinaceae

Description

The Tamarack or American Larch is the only native deciduous conifer tree in North America. In spring, its bare branches will produce soft, lime colored tufts of needles that grow to be roughly 1" long and dark green. In the fall, the needles turn a gorgeous golden-orange and drop off the tree, leaving small cones hanging again from bare branches.

General Information

Zone: 2-5
Height: 40-80'
Width: 15-30'
Habit: Pyramidal
Growth Rate: 24" per year

Soil Texture: Clay, Loam, Sand
Soil pH: Acidic-Alkaline
Exposure: Full Sun, Part Sun
Water Needs: Average, Wet
Soil Drainage: Well-Poorly-Drained
Other Flood
Attributes: Tolerant

Fall Color: Yellow
Bloom Color: Red, Purple
Bloom Time: Spring
Fragrance: No
Fruit Color: Brown
Fruiting Time: Late Summer, Fall
Fruit Flavor: Inedible
Attracts: Birds, Small Mammals, Deer

Resources:

[Plants A to Z: Find Plant Names by Letter \(thespruce.com\)](http://thespruce.com)
[Find a Plant | NC Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox \(ncsu.edu\)](http://ncsu.edu)
[Trees and Plants | The Morton Arboretum](http://mortonarboretum.org)
[WSU PNW Plants](http://wsu.edu)

[The Tree Guide at arborday.org](http://arborday.org)
[Woody Plants Catalog | The UFOR Nursery & Lab \(um.edu\)](http://um.edu)
[Plant Finder \(missouribotanicalgarden.org\)](http://missouribotanicalgarden.org)
[N.D. Tree Handbook \(nds.edu\)](http://nds.edu)