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# Larix laricina

## Tamarack



Also called larch. A deciduous conifer, with a slender, pyramidal outline. Fine, needle-like leaves are light green in the spring, blue-green in summer, and golden-yellow in the fall. Especially beautiful in colonies. Fast-growing and short-lived. Tolerates many types of soil; often found in wet , swampy areas, but will also grow in drier situations.

**Suggested companions:** in wet areas, yellow birch (*Betula alleghaniensis*), black spruce (*Picea mariana*), winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*); in drier areas, quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) and paper birch (*Betula papyrifera*).

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Plant Type: Evergreen Tree

Size: 50-75' H  
35-50' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Forested Wetland  
Shrubby Wetland  
Wet Meadow

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Sandy/ Gravelly  
Rich Moist  
Very Damp/Wet  
Clay

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:

Purple  
Red

Bloom Time:

May

Other Attributes:

Fall color

Plant in:

Groundcover: No