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Thuja occidentalis

Arborvitae



This beautiful evergreen, with fragrant foliage, can have single or multiple trunks. As the tree ages its textured bark becomes a distinctive feature. Can be used as a hedge to create privacy and enclosure. Some trees remain bright green all winter, while others turn bronzy and green up again in spring.

Suggested Companions: red maple (*Acer rubrum*), yellow birch (*Betula alleghaniensis*), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), ferns (e.g. *Osmunda claytoniana*, *Matteuccia struthiopteris*, *Osmunda regalis*)

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Plant Type: Evergreen Tree

Size: 30-45' H
20-30' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Swamp/ Bog
Open field/ Prairie
Woodland Margin

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Very Damp/Wet
Rich Moist

Exposure: sun
filtered

Flower Color:

Red
Brown

Bloom Time:

May
April

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Wildlife attracting
Winter interest
Fragrant