



Eastern Larch

Larix laricina



Eastern Larch/Tamarack/Juniper *Larix laricina*

General: Medium-sized coniferous tree up to 20 m tall, with scaly bark. In autumn, the needles turn yellow and fall from the tree (deciduous).

Leaves (Needles) & Twigs: The long, slender branches have small woody bumps that produce bundles of (10-20) soft needles (1–2.5 cm long).

Flowers & Fruits: Male and female cones can appear on the same branches, but observe male cones (0.3 cm) only for PlantWatch. These are small mounds of yellow-brown pollen sacs that wither after shedding pollen. Female cones are pinkish-purple mini-cones (1 cm long).

Habitat: Larch grow in moist to wet areas throughout Newfoundland and Labrador

Blooming Time: mid-May to early June

How to Observe: Tag a typical tree for observation.

First Bloom: When the male cones begin to shed pollen in at least three places on the tree.

Mid Bloom: When half the male cones are shedding pollen.

Leaf Out: When the tufts of needles are lengthening and starting to spread open at the tip in at least three different places.