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AMERICAN LARCH

Larix laricina

In boreal and other northern forests, the brilliant fall foliage of *Larix laricina* is unmistakable. It is the only New England conifer to drop its needles, so don't be surprised to find it bare come November. A lovely specimen tree for rich soils that is host to more than 128 caterpillar species.

Growing Information

Sunlight Full sun, part sun, part shade
Soil Type High organic matter, loam/clay, moist, wet, well-drained, acidic-neutral
Height 40-80'
Flowering calendar April-May

Benefits for People

Natural Habitat

Cold areas, wetlands, moist woodlands

Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves Yes, caterpillars
Flowers
Fruit Yes
Seeds Yes, Crossbills, Grouse
Host to 128 caterpillar species
(common names) including: Larch Sawfly; Columbia Silkmoth; Eastern Panthea; Apple Sphynx; Pale Beauty; Hickory Tussock Moth; Imperial Moth

