Western Larch (Tamarack)
*Larix occidentalis*

**SIZE AT AGE 150:**
- 100-160 feet tall
- 1½-3 feet in diameter

**LIFE SPAN:**
- 500+ years

**NEEDLES:**
Crowded deciduous
in cluster of 14-30, ½" long on spur twigs. Turn brilliant gold in fall, then drop to ground.

**CONES:**
1-1½" long with bract protruding from each cone scale.

**BARK:**
Reddish-brown. Flat plates on mature trees.

**WHERE TO FIND:**
Mountain slopes and valleys on gravelly, sandy or loamy soils. Often found in mixed forests.

**PRODUCTS:**
Western Larch is used for lumber, fine veneer, poles, ties, mine timbers, and pulpwood.