

Western Larch (Tamarack)

Larix occidentalis

SIZE AT

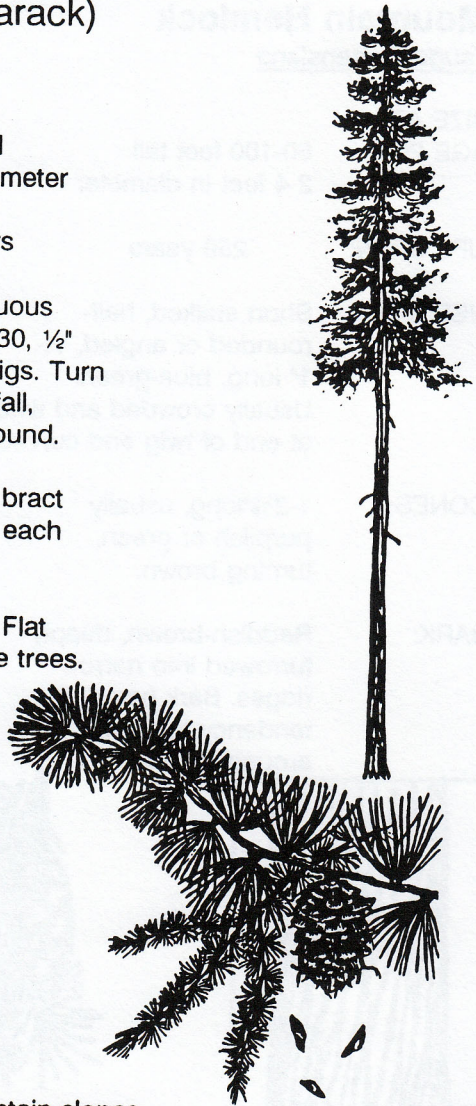
AGE 150: 100-160 feet tall
1½-3 feet in diameter

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.

THINGS TO KNOW:

Often follows or survives fires. Grouse eat
buds and leaves. Valuable wood for construc-
tion, paneling, flooring, and utility poles.
Highly sought as hot, clean burning firewood.
Changes color with season.