

FACT SHEET

European larch

Pinaceae
Larix decidua

Leaf: Deciduous, appearing singly on new growth and in whorls on older growth, 1 inch long, light green in color.

Flower: Monoecious; males light yellow, small and round; females yellow to red, with long, curved scales.

Cone: Cones are 1 to 1 1/2 inches long, ovoid, composed of many scales that are longer than the bracts, borne upright on the twig, maturing autumn to early winter.

Twig: Straw-colored, bearing rounded buds. Spur shoots present on older growth, buds dark brown.

Bark: On young trees the bark is scaly and gray, later becoming furrowed with a reddish brown inner bark.

Form: Well formed, with a straight stem, pyramidal crown, and drooping lateral branches.

