

# 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.

