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## Eastern Hemlock

*Tsuga canadensis*

### Growing Information

- Plant Type: Tree
- Sunlight: Part Shade to Shade
- Soils: Average to Moist
- Bloom Time: Non-showy yellow flowers in spring
- Size: 80-100ft in height and 10-20ft spread

One of the most shade tolerant trees of New England, the eastern hemlock is perfectly happy to grow in the shade cast by even a dense woodland. However, it does require richer soil, and is less tolerant of nutrient-poor, sandy soils, especially in full sunlight. This is a great tree for hedges, as hemlocks retain their lower branches, unlike other pitch pine (*Pinus rigida*) and white pine (*Pinus strobus*), offering a full screen throughout all seasons.

### Garden Companions

Foam Flower (*Tiarella cordifolia*), Christmas Fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*)

### Nature Benefits

- Provides dense winter cover for wildlife
- Larval host to the Columbia silkmoth (*Hyalophora columbia*)

### Natural Habitat

Forests, rocky slopes, wetland margins.