

## Darling Susie Larch



### Darling Susie Larch *Larix decidua 'Darling Susie'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Common Larch; European Larch

#### Description:

A distinguished miniature form of this deciduous conifer with upturned finely-needled branches on a very tightly mounded form, extremely slow growing, dense and compact, foliage turns brilliant gold in fall

#### Ornamental Features

Darling Susie Larch is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has bluish-green deciduous foliage which emerges light green in spring. The needle-like leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall. The gold stems can be quite attractive.

#### Landscape Attributes

Darling Susie Larch is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Darling Susie Larch is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Topiary

#### Planting & Growing

Darling Susie Larch will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.



*Darling Susie Larch*  
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*Darling Susie Larch in spring*  
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This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, preferring to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.