

Tall leafy things



Speckled Alder

Of the two species of alder in the territory, only the Speckled Alder grows big enough to be considered a tree. Which is big enough to be a pain when hiking.

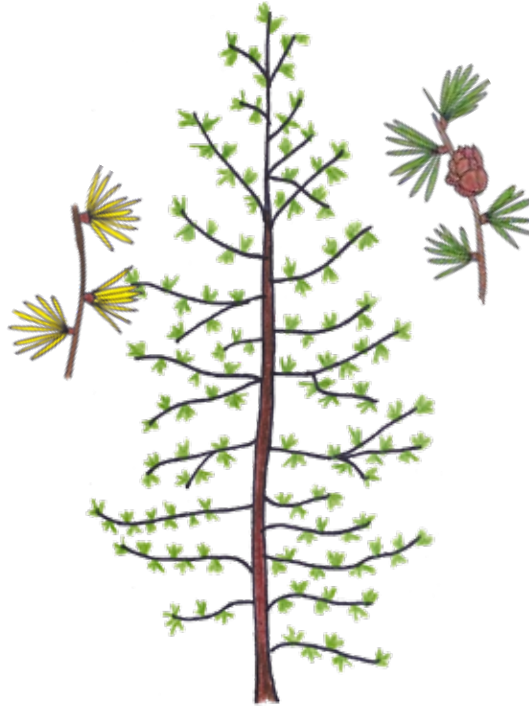


Trembling Aspen

Stems are flat making the whole tree 'tremble' in the slightest breeze. That's important for some reason.

Aspen Serpentine Leaf Miner

A tiny caterpillar goes full Pac-Man on the mesophyll -- that's the stuff inside the leaf.



Tamarack/Larch

A "deciduous conifer" because the needles turn yellow and are shed each fall.



Lodgepole Pine

The Yukon's only pine. Has longer needles than spruce or fir. Range slowly expanding further north, so they could be Ents.



Black Spruce

Has tiny, black hairs on stems. Bottom branches often swoop out like a shirt. Top branches clumped.



Sub-alpine Fir

The Yukon's official tree. Usually grows at higher elevations, making your alpine hike smell like Christmas.



Balsam Poplar

Leaves long and thinner than aspen. Buds have delicious fragrance in spring and make a healing balm.



White Spruce

More common on dry, well-drained soils. Not white. Definitely green.

Alaska Paper Birch

Don't pull off the white, papery bark. It hurts the tree and you'll anger the Lorax.



Willows

Like giant shrubs with limbs everywhere. Of the 45 species in the Yukon, only 10 grow large enough to be considered trees.

