

TREE IDENTIFICATION SERIES

EASTERN HEMLOCK

Also known as: **Canada hemlock**, **hemlock spruce** || Abenaki name: **Alnizedi** [pronounced Ahl-NEE-zeh-dee] || Latin name: **Tsuga canadensis** (which refers to Canada, where the Europeans who chose the Latin name first found it)

needles are short, flat, and soft

new spring growth is bright green

(topside)

needles have two white stripes underneath



young bark has flaky scales; older bark is furrowed & often reddish



DIGGING DEEPER

What do you notice when you look very closely at the bark? Can you find any evidence the tree is home to another creature? What does the shape or pattern on the needles remind you of? What is your creative name for hemlocks?

look up! treetops and branches are droopy



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