

EASTERN HEMLOCK

Tsuga canadensis

Evergreen. Medium to large tree often 60-70' tall. Its needles and cones are shorter than other Hemlocks. The needles are 1½", flattened, blunt, and persist 2 years. The under leaf is silvery. The leaves lie flat on either side of the shoot. The fruit is an egg-shaped, pale brown hanging cone- 1¼" long. The needles are strongly 2-ranked. The twigs are yellow-brown, densely hairy. The bark is purple-gray, with scaly ridges. It is prevalent in the northeastern United States. It is common, but can be more easily found on moist rocky ridges, steep ravine slopes, and cool wet swales.

There is only one Eastern Hemlock in the Charles Baber Cemetery. It is located in the lower section mid point on East Lake Drive and aside of a large expansive Sugar Maple. It is often overlooked because of the wideness of a neighboring large Sugar Maple. It has one trunk which splits into three separate trunks a few feet from the ground. It is sparse at the lower level, but quite pretty with its three trunks and when seen from a distance.

