

Western Hemlock

Tsuga heterophylla ~ Pine Family

Lummi: ts'q'iy'-ilhch **Nooksack:** t'it'óxw

Ethnobotany

- Bark was used to make a brown dye
- Wood knots were used for halibut hooks
- Branches placed in the ocean to collect herring spawn

Habitat Value

- Birds eat seeds during fall & winter
- Beavers use wood for building; deer browse twigs & needles

Characteristics

- Seedlings often grow on “nurse” logs & rotting stumps
- Drooping top, feathery branches & small, flat, blunt needles of varying lengths

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