Western Redcedar
Thuja plicata

SIZE AT AGE 250:
100-160 feet tall
2-8 feet in diameter

LIFE SPAN: 1,000+ years

LEAVES: Small, overlapping scale-like leaves that form sprays, in opposite pattern, shiny dark-green in color. 1/16-1/8" long.


BARK: Cinnamon-red on young stems, gray on old trunks. Fibrous and shredding.

WHERE TO FIND: Moist hillsides, beside streams. Often found with western hemlock.

PRODUCTS: Western Redcedar is primarily used in roofing for shingles and shakes, because of its attractive appearance, durability, lightness, and superior insulation qualities. It is also used in exterior finishings, utility poles, fence posts, piling, paper pulp, and various types of containers.