

Western Red Cedar

from British Columbia

Sustainable
Durable
Designable



What is Western Red Cedar ?

THUJA PLICATA

Western Red Cedar is the most unique Softwood in the world . The Latin name is derived from the natural oils contained in Cedar called '**Thuja Plicatins**'. This enhances the Cedar's resistance to decay and insect attack. Cedar is renowned for its dimensional stability. It resists shrinking, warping and twisting better than any other softwood. It has excellent thermal and acoustic properties. Natural cedar has a richly textured grain with colours ranging from warm ambers to sienna browns.

Where is Cedar Harvested ?

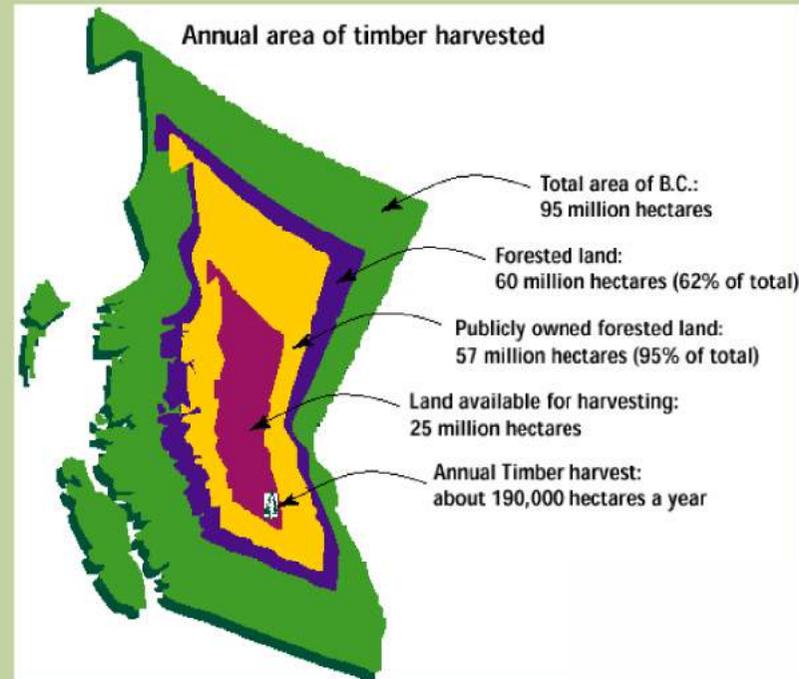
- Cedar prefers growing in moist to wet soils with lots of nutrients. The forest floors are usually covered in lush layers of ferns.
- Typically found at low to mid elevations along the coast and in the wet belt of the interior. The geographic range is from the mild coast of Alaska to wet regions of Northern California. However, the world's best Cedar is found in the deep valley regions of Vancouver Island.



The darker green areas show increased Cedar Density.

What is the specie mix in our Coastal Forests ?

Coastal Harvest Mix



A look at future supply

- Over the past dozen years , coastal logging of Western Red Cedar(141+ years old) , averaged approx 3,750,000 m³ per year. This year, we will log approx 3,200,000m³ . Interesting to note that our previous peak of 5,200,000 m³ came in 2004 , when Global GDP growth was averaging approx 5%.
- Today , the volume of harvestable old growth Western Red Cedar continues to decline. A large volume of cedar is located in protected old growth management areas and regions too difficult to harvest. Land has been set aside for biodiversity ecological presentation, recreation and first nations cultural needs.
- Old growth Western Red Cedar is one of the most valuable species harvested. In most cases it is what makes logging Hemlock, economically viable.



The Road to Sustainability

In 1994 , the BC Government passed the Range and Forest Practices Code. It was a Forest Stewardship plan covering everything from fish and wildlife, to water, cultural heritage and of course timber harvesting. This code has been recognized around the globe as one of the most intense Forestry plans found anywhere in the world today. Most Forestry operations meet and surpass the certification requirements of global third party initiatives and standards.

In 1996 this led to the further development of the Canadian Standards Association SFM – Sustainable Forest Management. CAN/CSA Z809 was the world’s first national sustainable forest management standard.



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Address unique needs of Canada’s Forest Sector
Unique public ownership structure
Working with Communities, Consumers, Environmental Groups, Industry , First Nations and Academia.



Initiated in 1994 in the USA , SFI (Sustainable Forestry Initiative) was an independent and non-profit group responsible for maintaining, overseeing and promoting sustainable forestry initiatives. Today more than 240 million acres in Canada and the USA are certified to the SFI forest management standard. It’s the largest single forest standard in the world

'COC' Chain of Custody Certification



100% PEFC CERTIFIED (Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification)

from the Forest



to the Harvest



to the Product



to the Project



What is PEFC ?



The independent, non-profit Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes (PEFC) helps buyers identify the best performers by endorsing national and/or regional forest certification standards that meet its rigorous criteria. The world's largest forest certification endorsement organization, PEFC has the support of trade unions, state authorities, environmental organizations, forest owners and managers, and timber traders and, as well as producers and retailers of paper and timber.



Every year, Errington Cedar Products (ECP) undergoes an intensive audit from PEFC to ensure that we fully meet all the PEFC standards for 'Chain of Custody' certification. This includes all Fibre Source Declarations.



New Zealand and Cedar

The British Columbia Cedar Industry and New Zealand have enjoyed a long and loyal relationship for many decades. Per capita, New Zealanders are the largest cedar consumers in the world. In 2013, more than 9 million board feet* (\$23 MM dollars) were imported. Imports for 2014 are on pace to be just shy of last year.

Clear Cedar for Weatherboards
Clear Cedar for Panelling
Clear Door Stiles and Rails
Clear Moulding Blanks
Clear Shutter and Blind Stock

* WRCLA Canadian Exports report of Western Red



For nearly 30 years, Errington Cedar (ECP) has been producing the finest Western Red products available, anywhere. Located on British Columbia's renowned Vancouver Island, ECP is near the heart of Canada's premier cedar resource.



Our focus, is Clear



Vertical Grain
Colour Sorting
Hi-Line Grading
Coastal Fine Grain
Western Red Cedar





Architecturally Inspired Timber

For Architects, Premier Timber Building Companies and Timberwork Artisans. ECP/Meeker offers the finest quality Western Red Cedar Posts and Beams available. Sourced from only the highest quality Western Red Cedar logs available in the world today. There is no other Cedar production facility anywhere, that relies on the same high standards of log procurement and cedar log utilization.



Where Old World Quality Meets New World Design

Custom Sized Timbers , Posts and Beams

Thickness up to 18"
Flat Grain Widths up to 30"
Vertical Grain Widths up to 18"
Lengths up to 27 ft.





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