Western Redcedar

*Thuja plicata* ~ Cypress Family

**Lummi:** xpey-ilhch  **Nooksack:** xpáy7ay

**Ethnobotany**
- Most valuable tree in the forest
- Wood was used for house construction, large carvings & canoes
- Bark, branches & roots used in making baskets, clothing & cordage

**Habitat Value**
- Grosbeaks, siskins & other birds eat seeds
- Squirrels & porcupines use bark for nesting
- Cavity-nesting birds roost & nest in mature trees

**Characteristics**
- Tiny scale-like leaves & small oval woody cones
- An evergreen tree with stringy bark that thrives in moist habitats

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