Feature	Import Cedar	Western Red Cedar	Comparison
Termite & Decay	Highly termite and	Highly termite and	Both possess excellent
Resistance	decay resistant.	decay resistant.	natural resistance to
			termites and decay.
Durability & Strength	Naturally durable and	Naturally durable and	Both possess excellent
	strong.	strong.	strength and durability.
Appearance	Warm, light grain with	Warm, reddish tones	Both possess excellent
	reddish hue. Import	with a beautiful grain	appearance especially
	Cedar has a beautiful	pattern and well-	when a proper stain or
	grain pattern and well-	spaced knots.	sealant is applied
	spaced knots.		(recommended for
			best long term
			performance).
Weathering	Weathers to a soft	Weathers to a silver-	Both possess similar
Characteristics	dove gray over time.	gray patina over time.	weathering
	This process can be	This process can be	characteristics.
	lessened, if desired, by	lessened, if desired, by	
	applying a proper stain	applying a proper stain	
	or sealant.	or sealant.	
Paint or stain	Accepts a wide range	Accepts a wide range	Both accept paints and
acceptance	of stains and other	of stains and other	stains very well.
	coatings.	coatings.	
Species	Scientific name:	Scientific name: Thuja	Both are members of
	Cunninghamia	plicata. Also a member	the Cupressaceae
	lanceolate. Member of	of the taxonomic family	family.
	the same taxonomic	Cupressaceae. Native	
	family, Cupressaceae,	to Northwestern US	
	as cypress, western red	and Southwestern	
	cedar, and redwood.	Canada.	
	Native to China,		
	Taiwan, and Northern		
	Vietnam.		