

The cedar is held sacred for its evergreen foliage, its fragrant smell, its red heart wood, and the durable character of its timber. On account of its fine grain and enduring qualities the prairie tribes make their tipi poles of its wood, which will not warp through heat or moisture. Their flageolets or flutes are also made of cedar, and in ceremonies its dried and crumbled foliage is thrown upon the fire as incense.

(Mooney. G.D.R.) pp. 979