

## Species

The species of wood you choose for your home will depend on your personal preference. All wood types have different characteristics, including such factors as texture, color, durability, and aroma. These will influence your choice of species for your log home.



Another factor that influences the choice of log is splitting. All logs will show splits in places along their length. This is due to the natural drying process which will continue to take place for years after construction. This is regarded by many as part of the charm of a solid log home. However, the degree of splitting will vary considerably with different types of logs.

Canada Log Homes offers the following species:

Species	Color	Grain	Checking	Aroma	Durability	Characteristics
<b>Western Red Cedar</b>	light honey to deep red	straight and even	resistant	subtle and sweet	high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ naturally deters decay and insects</li> <li>▪ high insulation value</li> <li>▪ very good sound absorption</li> <li>▪ free of pitch</li> <li>▪ long lasting</li> <li>▪ low shrinkage factor</li> </ul>
<b>Pine</b>	warm pale yellow	clear and straight with distinctive light and dark pattern	prone	fresh	moderate strong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ rich grain patterns lend themselves to being left natural</li> <li>▪ low price</li> </ul>
<b>Spruce</b>	light in color	straight grained	prone	resinous	moderate stiff and tough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ dries easily and is stable</li> <li>▪ low price</li> </ul>
<b>Fir</b>	pale cream to light orange-red	very pronounced hard straight grain	prone	light and sweet	moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ very tall, long lengths</li> <li>▪ very strong</li> <li>▪ attractive grain patterns</li> </ul>