



Yellow cedar

The yellow cedar, a cypress tree, is slow growing. Did you know that some of the currently known oldest cedars are between 1,200 and 1,600 years old and some researchers think they may live up to 3,500 years? Climate change is a threat to this tree because of low snowfall in Southeast Alaska. Snow insulates soil and tree roots from the cold. Yellow cedar has been used for centuries by Indigenous People in Alaska to make canoes, totem poles, blankets, and clothing and is used in ceremonies and as medicine.

