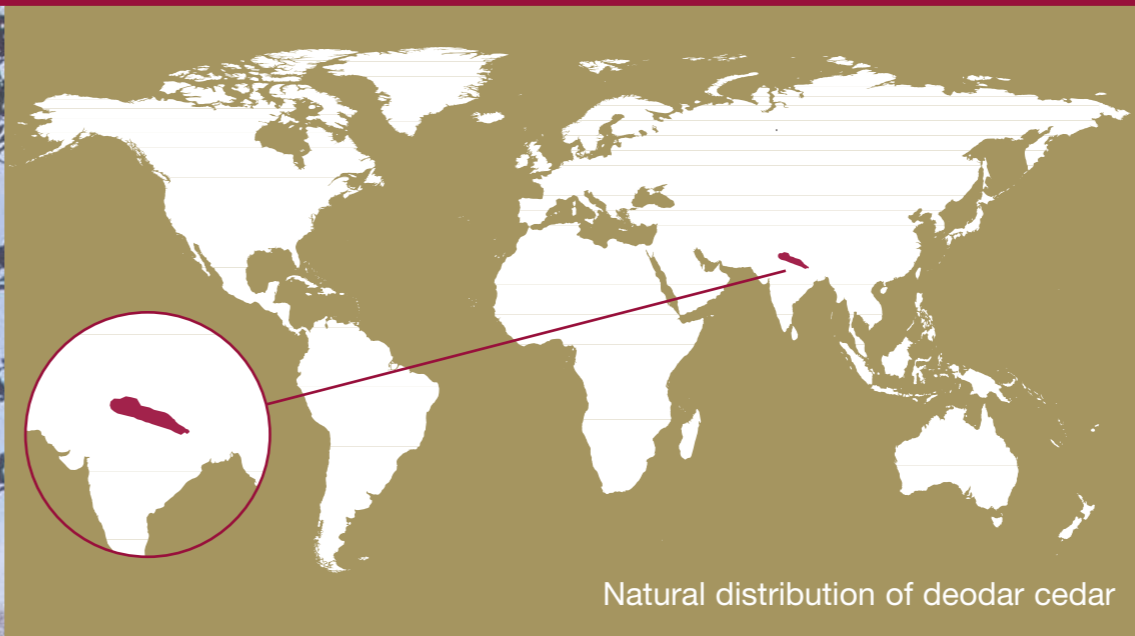


Deodar cedar *Cedrus deodara*

This deodar cedar shows how big these stunning trees can get.



Natural distribution of deodar cedar



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Descending branches and longer needles than other cedars will help you to spot a deodar.

Tree of the gods.

The name of this tree comes from the Hindi language: 'de odar' means sacred tree. Many Indian temples and sacred icons are made from its timber.

In fact the deodar is one of India's most important timber trees because it contains a fragrant oil which repels termites. This makes it a good choice for use in construction, and in India it is widely used for beams, floors and furniture.

Here in Britain you are most likely to come across a deodar in a park, garden or botanic collection like Bedgebury.

Did you know?

The deodar produces a natural oil which is used in modern aromatherapy to treat hair loss and stress. It's also an antiseptic and an effective insect repellent.