

TIMBER SPECIES

Turpentine – *Syncarpia glomulifera*

Wood Appearance

Colour – Heartwood ranges from deep red to red brown. Sapwood is paler.

Grain – Fine to medium textured but often wavy, grain often interlocked. The species is free from gum veins.

Wood Properties

Density – 995 kg/m³

Durability – Class 1 – Highly resistant to decay in ground contact or in persistently damp or badly ventilated situations.

Hardness – Very Hard (rated 1 on a 6 class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools.

Identification Features

Sapwood – Cream, distinct from the heartwood.

Heartwood – deep red to red-brown

Texture – Fine to medium, uniform; grain often interlocked.

Wood Structure

Vessels – Small, solitary, numerous and uniformly distributed. An occasional narrow zone free from vessels may be present. Tyloses common.

Vessel Lines – Fine, but distinct

Parenchyma – Indistinct under a lens

Rays – Fine but visible with a lens

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – A Match size splinter burns to charcoal. This test separates it from brush box which is very similar both anatomically and in general appearance but which burns with a sooty flame to a white ash.

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