

Red Bloodwood – *Eucalyptus gummifera*

Wood Appearance

Colour – Heartwood dark pink, deep red to red-brown, often with an abundance of kino veins. Sapwood pale pink to light brown

Grain – Grain generally interlocked, coarse textured, kino veins often large and concentric

Wood Properties

Density – 1010 kg/m³

Durability – Class 1 – Highly resistant to decay when 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 – Pale-pink to light-brown, distinct from heartwood

Heartwood – Variable, pale pink, light red to dark red, red brown, majority red brown

Texture – Coarse open texture, grain often interlocked. Concentric gum veins common

Wood Structure

Growth Rings – Absent, but some specimens tend to have zonate formation of the vessels.

Vessels – Medium to large, visible to the unaided eye, numerous. Double and multiple pores in radial alignment. Vessel lines prominent. Vessels tylosed.

Parenchyma – Very abundant; diffuse and paratracheal with the tendency to form zonate bands.

Rays – Fine

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – A Match size splinter burns to a charcoal

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