# Blush Walnut - Beilschmiedia obtusifolia

## Wood Appearance

**Colour –** The heartwood is yellowish-brown to blush pink in hue, while the sapwood is paler.

Grain - Usually straight and fine grained

#### **Wood Properties**

Density - 770 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

**Durability** – Class 4 – Suitable for use only in continuously dry situations under cover, well ventilated, clear of the ground and fully protected from the weather and dampness.

Hardness - Moderately Hard (rated 3 on a 6 class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools

## **Identification Features**

Sapwood - Pale pink-brown

Heartwood - Yellow-brown to pink-brown

Texture - Medium to fine, grain straight

#### Wood Structure

**Vessels** – Small, visible without lens; some solitary but most as short radial multiples. Vessel lines distinct on longitudinal surfaces.

Parenchyma – Abundant in irregularly spaced apotracheal bands, distinct without lens, also vasicentric visible under lens.

Rays - Distinct without lens.

### Other Features

Burning Splinter Test - A match size splinter burns to a full white ash

Oil Cells – It is possible to detect these in cross-section, with the aid of 10X lens

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