

Brown Salwood – *Acacia aulacocarpa*

Wood Appearance

Colour – Heartwood varies from light brown to brown, often streaked with darker markings. Sapwood creamy-white to pale brown

Grain – Grain variable, texture coarse but rather even

Wood Properties

Density – 690 - 800 kg/m³

Durability – Class 3 – Moderately resistant to decay when fully exposed to the weather, clear of the ground and well drained with free air circulation. Not recommended for in-ground use.

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

Identification Features

Sapwood – Creamy-white, distinct from heartwood

Heartwood – Light-brown through to chestnut, occasionally with darker streaks

Texture – Medium to coarse. Straight grain. Lustrous

Wood Structure

Vessels – Medium to large, visible without a lens, solitary and radial chains of up to 3, uniform distribution. A tendency for vessel size to decrease with the zone of latewood. Vessel lines visible.

Parenchyma – Indistinct

Rays – Very fine, barely visible with lens.

Other Features

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

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