

Brown Pine – *Podocarpus elatus*

Wood Appearance

Colour – Heartwood ranges from light brown to brown but can be yellowish-brown in older trees. There is no distinct colour difference between sapwood and heartwood.

Grain – Very close and uniform. Growth rings are often inconspicuous and closely spaced.

Wood Properties

Density – 560-705 kg/m³

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

Hardness – Soft to firm (rates 5 and 4 on a 6 class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools

Identification Features

Sapwood - Indistinguishable from heartwood

Heartwood - Light brown to brown

Texture – Fine, very uniform

Wood Structure

Growth rings – Inconspicuous

Vessels – Absent

Resin Canals – Absent

Rays – Fine, indistinct without a lens

Parenchyma – Indistinct without higher magnification

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – Burns to complete white ash

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