

Grey Satinash – *Syzygium gustavioides*

Wood Appearance

Colour – Heartwood buff-grey to yellowish. Sapwood not clearly defined.

Grain – Texture fine to medium; grain often interlocked.

Wood Properties

Density – 690 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 – White-grey, not clearly defined.

Heartwood – Yellow to yellow-grey

Texture – Medium and uniform, grain often interlocked

Wood Structure

Vessels – Medium to small, visible without a lens, mostly solitary, but some in short radial chains of 2 to 4. Vessel lines visible. Tyloses present, with occasional vessel deposits.

Parenchyma – Plentiful, as fine confluent bands not uniformly distributed.

Rays – Fine, numerous, visible with lens and tending towards two distinct widths.

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – A match size splinter burns to a charcoal or in some instances to a fine black ash.

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