

Grey Gum – *Eucalyptus propinqua*

Wood Appearance

Colour – Heartwood is red to red-brown, Sapwood is distinctly paler

Grain – Grain usually interlocked, with coarse but even texture. Occasionally marked by grub holes.

Wood Properties

Density – 1055 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 reddish brown distinguishable from heartwood

Heartwood – Reddish-brown to red

Texture – Medium to coarse, interlocked grain

Wood Structure

Vessels – Small, solitary, uniform distribution. Vessel lines prominent in some specimens of darker colour. Tyloses abundant

Parenchyma – Not visible with a lens

Rays – Fine

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – A match size splinter burns to a charcoal leaving no ash

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