

Grey Ironbark – *Eucalyptus drepanophylla*

Wood Appearance

Colour – The heartwood ranges from reddish-brown to dark-brown. The sapwood is lighter in colour and averages about 20mm in width.

Grain – Tight and usually straight grained.

Wood Properties

Density – 1105 kg/m³

Durability – Class 1 – Highly resistant to decay when in ground contact or in persistently damp or poorly 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 – Almost white, distinct from heartwood

Heartwood – Varies from reddish-brown to dark brown

Texture – Uniform, grain usually straight, sometimes interlocked.

Wood Structure

Growth rings – Absent

Vessels – Small to medium, solitary and diffuse, often containing tyloses

Parenchyma – Sparse, not visible with a lens.

Rays – Fine, visible with a lens

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – Produces a complete ash, grey to buff in colour

Splinter Shape - Fine needle like splinters produced when cutting across the grain are characteristic of these species and can be used to separate them from similar species.

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