

Forest Red Gum – *Eucalyptus tereticornis*

Wood Appearance

Colour – Heartwood ranges in colour from red to dark red. The sapwood is distinctly paler in colour.

Grain – Moderately coarse, uniform textured, usually interlocked.

Wood Properties

Density – 1010 kg/m³

Durability – Class 1 – Highly resistant to decay 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 – Grey or cream-red, distinct from heartwood

Heartwood – Ranging from light to dark red

Texture – Uniform with interlocked grain

Wood Structure

Vessels – Small to medium in size, uniformly distributed. Seasonal growth zones often evident, Tyloses present. Vessels appear to adopt a pink yellow colour due to associated parenchyma and deposits when viewed by lens in cross section.

Parenchyma – Abundant and diffuse, containing deposits and some resin.

Rays – Fine, visible only with a lens

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – A Match size splinter burns slowly to charcoal with no ash

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