

Gympie Messmate – *Eucalyptus cloeziana*

Wood Appearance

Colour – Heartwood yellowish-brown and the sapwood distinctly paler in colour.

Grain – Unfigured, medium textured, generally uniform in grain. Can be slightly interlocked.

Wood Properties

Density – 1010 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 – White to greyish white, with distinct change to heartwood.

Heartwood – Yellowish brown

Texture – Medium textured, straight to shallowly interlocked grain

Wood Structure

Growth Rings – Seasonal rings sometimes evident but not sharply defined.

Vessels – Solitary, indistinct without magnification, occasionally in radial or oblique chains. Vessel lines evident on longitudinal surfaces. Vessels tylosed.

Parenchyma – Indistinct without high magnification

Rays – Fine, visible only with lens

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – A match size splinter burns to a charcoal

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