

Jarrah – *Eucalyptus marginata*

Wood Appearance

Colour – The heartwood is dark red in colour. Sapwood is usually pale yellow.

Grain – Moderately coarse textured and even. Wavy interlocking grain produces attractive fiddleback figure in some samples.

Wood Properties

Density – 835 kg/m³

Durability – Class 2 – Highly resistant to decay when fully exposed to the weather, clear of the ground and well drained with free air circulation. Resistant to decay when in ground contact.

Hardness – Hard (rated 2 on a 6 class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools.

Identification Features

Sapwood – Pale in colour, distinct from heartwood

Heartwood – Dark red to pink red, usually darkens with exposure

Texture – Coarse, uniform texture; grain usually straight but may be interlocked

Wood Structure

Growth rings – Mostly absent, but occasionally present as a slight zonate arrangement of thickness fibres.

Vessels – Large to medium in size, numerous and mainly solitary, but occasionally in oblique arrangements. Vessel lines conspicuous. Tyloses frequent. Dark red gum deposits also sometimes present.

Parenchyma – Paratracheal, but not readily visible to the inexperienced observer. Not visible without a lens.

Rays – Fine, numerous, not visible without a lens.

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – A match size splinter burns to charcoal without ash.

Gum Veins – Fairly common.

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