

Queensland Maple – *Flindersia brayleyana*

Wood Appearance

Colour – The heartwood is pink to brownish pink while the narrow sapwood band is coloured white to pale grey

Grain – The grain is somewhat interlocked, often wavy or curly, and the texture medium and uniform. Some quarter sawn boards show various types of figures such as waterwave, rib and birdseye.

Wood Properties

Density – 575 kg/m³

Durability – Class 4 – Suitable use only in continuously dry situations under cover, well ventilated, clear of ground and fully protected from the weather and other dampness.

Hardness – Firm (rated 4 on a 6 class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools.

Identification Features

Sapwood – White to pale grey

Heartwood – Pink to brownish-pink in colour with a lustrous sheen

Texture – Medium and uniform, grain very variable, sometimes with interlocked fibres, wavy or curly and occasionally more disturbed producing fiddleback or birdseye.

Wood Structure

Growth rings – Absent

Vessels – Small to medium in size, uniformly distributed, mainly solitary but with some in short radial rows of up to four. Simple perforation plates can be seen with a lens. Deposits of extraneous material present in some vessels.

Rays – Visible without a lens and prominent on radial surfaces.

Wood Parenchyma – Not visible under a lens

Ripple Marks – Absent

Intercellular Canals – Present in some samples

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – Burns to a full ash white-buff in colour.

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