

Tulip Plum – *Pleiogynium timorense*

Wood Appearance

Colour – The heartwood ranges from pale to dark reddish-brown, usually streaked with darker coloured bands. The sapwood is usually pinkish-brown in colour.

Grain – Close grained fine textured wood. The grain is usually straight.

Wood Properties

Density – 930 kg/m³

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

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

Identification Features

Sapwood – Pinkish-brown

Heartwood – Pale to dark reddish-brown with occasional darker bands due to latewood formation.

Texture – Fine and uniform

Wood Structure

Growth Rings – Some samples give indications of growth zones.

Vessels – Small, uniformly distributed, except in latewood at the end of a growth zone, where present. Mostly in short radial multiples, some solitary and with an occasional cluster. Vessel lines just visible on longitudinal surfaces. Tyloses frequent; some deposits of extraneous material visible in vessels and rays

Parenchyma – Indefinite under a lens

Rays – Fine

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – Crackles as it burns to a full white ash

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