

# Slash Pine – *Pinus elliottii*

## Wood Appearance

**Colour** – Heartwood is reddish-brown varying to shades of yellow. Sapwood is usually pale yellow to yellow.

**Grain** – Generally straight. A pronounced difference in colour between earlywood and latewood results in a very distinctive figure when back sawn.

## Wood Properties

**Density** – 625 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

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

## Identification Features

**Sapwood** – Pale yellow to yellow colour

**Heartwood** – Reddish-brown, varying to shades of yellow

**Texture** – Non uniform, consisting of alternating bands of earlywood and latewood; transition from earlywood to latewood moderately abrupt. Grain straight. Knots usually present in constructional timber grades.

## Wood Structure

**Growth Rings** – Prominent and clearly visible due to the latewood forming a dense, dark band. False annual rings occasionally present

**Vessels** – Absent

**Parenchyma** – Absent

**Rays** – Fine, visible with a lens

**Resin Canals** – Numerous, prominent as lines on dressed longitudinal surfaces

## Other Features

**Odour** – Wood generally has a strong resinous odour

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