

Red Ironbark – *Eucalyptus crebra*

Wood Appearance

Colour – Heartwood is red-brown to dark red and sapwood is white to pink-white

Grain – Close grained, occasionally interlocked

Wood Properties

Density – 1090 kg/m³

Durability – Class 1 – Highly resistant to decay when in ground contact or in persistently damp or badly 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 pink-white, distinct from heartwood

Heartwood – Red brown to dark red

Texture – Fine texture, grain shallowly interlocked.

Wood Structure

Growth Rings - Absent

Vessels – Small, solitary and numerous. Vessel lines inconspicuous. Vessels tylosed.

Parenchyma – Not visible without high magnification

Rays – Fine, visible only with lens

Other Features

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

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