

Scentsless Rosewood – *Synoum muelleri*

Wood Appearance

Colour – Heartwood ranges from red to reddish-brown. Sapwood is sometimes paler in colour but not always distinguishable from the heartwood.

Grain – Relatively close and uniform in texture; predominantly straight. Similar to rose mahogany (*Dysoxylum fraserianum*) but without its characteristic odour.

Wood Properties

Density – 625-675 kg/m³

Durability – Class 4 – Suitable for use in continuously dry situations only, 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 – Yellow to pink-red

Heartwood – Red to reddish-brown

Texture – Medium to fine, straight grained

Wood Structure

Growth rings – Absent

Vessels – Medium to small in size, invisible without a lens, solitary, with some short radial multiples, uniformly distributed. Vessel lines visible on dressed longitudinal surfaces. Pale coloured vessel deposits common.

Parenchyma – Abundant in numerous fine, short paratracheal and confluent regular bands.

Rays – Fine, invisible without a lens

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – Produces a grey-white ash filament

Surface Characteristics – Dressed surfaces are greasy to touch

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