# TIMBER SPECIES

# Calophyllum – Calophyllum

## **Wood Appearance**

Colour - Sapwood varies between species from pale yellow, yellow-brown often with pink tints, to orange. It is sometimes distinct from the heartwood, depending on the species. Heartwood is pink red or red brown.

Grain - Grain is interlocked, wavy or irregular, producing a streaky or ribbon figure on the radial face. Back sawn boards commonly produce a zigzag type figure.

#### Wood Properties

Density - Air-dry density varies considerably between species. The range is between 540 - 900 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

Durability - Class 4 - Suitable for use in continuously dry situations, under cover, clear of the ground and well ventilated, 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 yellowish pink not easily distinguished from heartwood, depending on species

**Heartwood** – Pink red to reddish-brown

**Texture –** Coarse, open and uneven. Grain interlocked or wavy

#### Wood Structure

Vessels - Large to medium size, solitary, arranged in oblique flares. Vessel lines very prominent on dressed surfaces, darker than surrounding tissue.

Parenchyma - Abundant, paratracheal, widely spaced concentric bands, visible to the unaided eye.

Rays - Very fine

## Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – A match size splinter burns to ash

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