

# Boxwood/Bollywood – *Litsea glutinosa*

## Wood Appearance

**Colour** – The heartwood varies from light cream to pale straw and normally there is no marked colour variation between sapwood and heartwood.

**Grain** – A firm, straight grained species with open vessel lines. Usually there is no pronounced figure.

## Wood Properties

**Density** – 480 - 530 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** – Soft (rated 5 on a 6 class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools

## Identification Features

**Sapwood** – Not significantly different from heartwood

**Heartwood** – Light cream to pale straw colour

**Texture** – Medium, straight grained

## Wood Structure

**Growth Rings** – Generally Absent

**Vessels** – Medium sized, some solitary but mostly in short radial multiples of up to four. Vessel lines distinct on dressed surfaces.

**Parenchyma** – Absent or indistinct under a lens

**Rays** – Fine

## Other Features

**Burning Splinter Test** – Burns completely to a minute buff grey filament

**Surface Characteristics** – Dressed surfaces of this timber are highly lustrous

**Odour** – Exhibits a faint spicy odour from freshly cut surfaces

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