

New Guinea Pencil Cedar – *Palaquium*

Wood Appearance

Colour – The heartwood is generally pinkish brown in colour, darkening upon exposure to light. The sapwood is paler in colour and is, quite often distinct from the heartwood.

Grain – Generally straight but sometimes may be interlocked and wavy

Wood Properties

Density – Not Available kg/m³

Durability – Class 4 – Suitable for use in continuously dry situations under cover, well ventilated and fully protected from the weather and other dampness.

Hardness – Not Available

Identification Features

Sapwood – Is paler in colour and is, quite often distinct from the heartwood

Heartwood – Generally pinkish brown in colour, darkening upon exposure to light

Texture – Moderately fine and even

Wood Structure

Vessels – Figure is generally not relatively pronounced; fine dark lines merging with paler background, though back sawn material may often produce a flame-like appearance

Parenchyma – Have a lustrous sheen as the vessel lines commonly glisten, due to the presence of Tyloses, on longitudinal surfaces.

Rays – Not Available

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – Not Available

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