

Damson – Terminalia sericocarpa

Wood Appearance

Colour – Heartwood pale gold to yellowish brown, sapwood yellow but not always distinct.

Grain – Sometimes interlocked

Wood Properties

Density – 640 kg/m³

Durability – Class 4 – Suitable for use in continuously dry situations under cover, well ventilated, clear of the 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 – Not readily differentiated from heartwood

Heartwood – Pale-gold to yellow-brown

Texture – Coarse and uniform, grain very interlocked

Wood Structure

Vessels – Large, clearly visible to the naked eye, solitary and radial groups of 2-3, numerous and uniform distribution. Deposits lacking. Vessel lines prominent

Parenchyma – Vasicentric, aliform and confluent

Rays – Fine

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – The wood burns with much smoke and exudation of resin, to a grey-white ash with black streaks

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