

Erima – *Octomeles sumatrana*

Wood Appearance

Colour – Heartwood is yellow-brown, occasionally with a purplish tinge. Sapwood is somewhat paler but not always clearly defined

Grain – Interlocking grain common, forming striped figure on quarter-sawn back

Wood Properties

Density – 365 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 – Very Soft (rated 6 on a 6 class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools

Identification Features

Sapwood – White to grey-yellow with little distinction from heartwood

Heartwood – Light yellowish-brown. Tends to darken on exposure

Texture – Medium, open and uniform. Grain often interlocked. Somewhat lustrous on dressed radial surfaces

Wood Structure

Vessels – Solitary and radial pairs. Diffuse uniform distribution. Medium size visible unaided eye. Vessel lines common but not distinctive.

Parenchyma – Not visible with hand lens

Rays – Moderately fine. Distinct as flecks on cut radial surfaces.

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – A match size splinter burns to a grey ash

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