

Pepperwood – *Cinnamomum laubatti*

Wood Appearance

Colour – Heartwood is very pale pink, pink-brown or straw to golden brown. Sapwood is pale to light brown and not easily distinguishable from the heartwood.

Grain – Usually very straight grained.

Wood Properties

Density – 480 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 – Light brown

Heartwood – Pink-brown to yellow-brown

Texture – Medium and uniform, straight grain

Wood Structure

Vessels – Solitary, and short radial multiples up to 3 cells, uniform diffuse distribution, visible without a lens. Vessel lines prominent on dressed surfaces

Parenchyma – Not visible at low magnification

Rays – Fine visible with 10x lens. Ray fleck prominent without magnification on radial surfaces

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – A match size splinter burns to a filament of black ash

Odour – Freshly cut wood has slightly spicy aroma

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