

# **Sassafras – *Atherosperma moschatum***

## **Wood Appearance**

**Colour** – The sapwood of sassafras is white or greyish; the heartwood can be similarly pale or stained black ("blackheart").

**Grain** – Grain is fairly straight, even and smooth

## **Wood Properties**

**Density** – 600 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

**Durability** – Sassafras is not included in AS 5604-2005 Timber - Natural durability ratings. It has good durability for decorative, architectural and structural applications internally but is not recommended for external use. The in-ground durability of heartwood is low.

**Hardness** – Not Available

## **Identification Features**

**Sapwood** – white or greyish

**Heartwood** – can be similarly pale or stained black ("blackheart")

**Texture** – Fine and uniform

## **Wood Structure**

**Vessels** – Not Available

**Parenchyma** – Not Available

**Rays** – Not Available

## **Other Features**

**Burning Splinter Test** – Not Available

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