

# Taun – Pometia

## Wood Appearance

**Colour** – Heartwood varies from pink-brown to red-brown darkening with age. Sapwood is pale pink to buff and not always demarcated from heartwood.

**Grain** – Straight grained, occasionally interlocked. Texture moderately coarse

## Wood Properties

**Density** – 700 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

**Durability** – Class 3 – Moderately resistant to decay when fully exposed to the weather, clear of the ground and well drained with free air circulation. Not recommended for in-ground use, or in external decking applications.

**Hardness** – Moderately Hard (rated 3 on a 6 class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools

## Identification Features

**Sapwood** – Lighter coloured but not always distinct from heartwood

**Heartwood** – Light red-brown to red-brown, darkens to red-brown with exposure

**Texture** – Medium to coarse and uniform, grain interlocked

## Wood Structure

**Vessels** – Medium to large, visible without a lens. Solitary and radial groups generally 2-3 but occasionally 3-8. Many groups consist of a large pore with a tail-like appendage of 4-8 small pores. Vessel lines prominent and darker than the background surface. Tyloses present but not plentiful.

**Parenchyma** – Apotracheal as concentric terminal bands and paratracheal as narrow borders to the pores.

**Rays** – Fine, visible only with a lens, they appear to be flecked with white due to the presence of crystals.

## Other Features

**Burning Splinter Test** – A match size splinter burns to an ash.

**Frothing Test** – Positive, with profuse and persistent lather.

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