

Veneer Species Guide

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Amaranth



Latin name: *Peltogyne paniculata*, *Peltogyne* spp.

Common name(s): Purpleheart, Amarante, Violet Wood

Sources: Tropical Central and South America

Characteristics: Deep purple color. Grain is usually straight with some figure. Small deposits of white silica may be present.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber for architectural millwork and occasional cabinetry.

Availability: Reasonable availability depending on level of specification.

Price: \$\$\$\$

Amarillo



Latin name: *Machaerium villosum*

Common name(s): Jacaranda Pardo, Jacaranda Amarello

Sources: Brazil

Characteristics: Brown with orange to violet shades of late wood contrasted with dark early wood. Texture is coarse with figure present but not often prevalent.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced

Uses: Furniture, cabinetry, molding and trim work, millwork, musical instruments.

Availability: Reasonable availability depending on level of specification.

Price: \$\$\$\$

Amazaque



Latin name: *Guibourtia ehie*

Common name(s): Ovangkol, Amazakoue, Ehie, Anokye, Amazahoue, Hyeduanini

Sources: Gabon, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Nigeria

Characteristics: Medium to dark brown heart wood sometimes resembling walnut in color with light yellow sap wood. Grain is moderately coarse in texture, with sometimes pronounced and attractive figure.

Common cuts: Quarter sliced, Plain sliced

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber for architectural millwork and occasional cabinetry.

Availability: Reasonable availability depending on level of specification.

Price: \$\$\$\$

Anigre, Figured



Latin name: *Aningeria* spp.

Common name(s): Anegre, Anigre, Aningeria

Sources: Tropical East and West Africa

Characteristics: Light tan, sometimes creamy, occasionally light pink. Grain texture smooth, with occasional light silica inclusions. Figure ranges from unfigured to highly figured, often with a pronounced fiddleback.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced - Ribbon striped

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber for architectural millwork and occasional cabinetry.

Availability: Abundant **Price:** \$\$-\$\$\$\$, depending on level of specification

Anigre, Plain



Latin name: *Aningeria* spp.

Common name(s): Anegre, Anigre, Aningeria

Sources: Tropical East and West Africa

Characteristics: Light tan, sometimes creamy, occasionally light pink. Grain texture smooth, with occasional light silica inclusions. Figure ranges from unfigured to highly figured, often with a pronounced fiddleback.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced - Ribbon striped

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber for architectural millwork and occasional cabinetry.

Availability: Abundant **Price:** \$\$-\$\$\$\$, depending on level of specification

Ash, Olive (Burl)



Latin name: *Fraxinus excelsior*

Common name(s): Olive Ash, French, German, English, Polish, etc. Ash

Sources: Europe, western Asia, North Africa

Characteristics: As above, but with pronounced burl, swirly, and gnarly grain highly desirable for decorative millwork and inlays.

Common cuts: Rotary, Half round, Plain sliced (rarely)

Uses: Decorative millwork or inlay work.

Availability: Reasonable **Price:** \$\$\$\$

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Ash, White Burl



Latin name: See Ash, White

Common name(s): See Ash, White

Sources: USA and Canada

Characteristics: See Ash-White, but with pronounced burl, swirly, and gnarly grain highly prized for decorative millwork and inlays.

Common cuts: Rotary, Half round, Plain sliced (rarely)

Uses: Decorative millwork or inlay work.

Availability: Reasonable availability depending on level of specification

Price: \$\$\$

Ash, White, Flat Cut



Latin name: *Fraxinus americana*, *F. pennsylvanica*, *F. nigra*

Common name(s): White Ash, Green or Red Ash, Black or Brown Ash

Sources: USA and Canada

Characteristics: Generally creamy sapwood with light tan to relatively brown heart wood. Typical grain pattern for rich porous wood with coarse early wood and smooth late wood. Figure may be present and can be intense.

Common cuts: Rotary, Plain sliced, Quarter sliced

Uses: Cabinetry, millwork, and molding.

Availability: Abundant

Price: \$\$

Ash, White, Quarter Cut



Latin name: *Fraxinus americana*, *F. pennsylvanica*, *F. nigra*

Common name(s): White Ash, Green or Red Ash, Black or Brown Ash

Sources: USA and Canada

Characteristics: Generally creamy sapwood with light tan to relatively brown heart wood. Typical grain pattern for rich porous wood with coarse early wood and smooth late wood. Figure may be present and can be intense.

Common cuts: Rotary, Plain sliced, Quarter sliced

Uses: Cabinetry, millwork, and molding.

Availability: Abundant

Price: \$\$

Beech, American



Latin name: *Fagus grandifolia*

Common name(s): Beech

Sources: USA and Canada

Characteristics: Very light sapwood with light pink to reddish brown heartwood, sometimes with a silvery sheen. More coarse than European Beech. Rays are slightly enlarged and will show up as flake when quarter sliced.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Kitchen Cabinetry, fine furniture, furniture frames, molding, paneling, chairs, flooring.

Availability: Obtainable

Price: \$\$

Beech, European



Latin name: *Fagus sylvatica*

Common name(s): European Beech

Sources: Europe

Characteristics: Very light sapwood with pale pinkish brown heartwood, often made more uniformly brown through the log steaming process. Rays are slightly enlarged and will show up as flake when quarter sliced.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Institutional furniture, chairs, joinery, paneling, architectural millwork, specialty applications.

Availability: Obtainable

Price: \$\$\$

Birch



Latin name: *Betula spp.*

Common name(s): White Birch, Yellow Birch, Red Birch

Sources: USA and Canada

Characteristics: Light tan to pale yellow sapwood with red to ruddy heart wood.

Grain is tight and smooth with normal amounts of figure and other characteristics.

Common cuts: Rotary (primarily), Plain sliced (available)

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber primarily for kitchen cabinetry and furniture. Excellent surface for painting.

Availability: Abundant

Price: \$

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Birch, Karelian Burl



Latin name: *Betula pendula*, *B. alba*, *B. odorata*

Common name(s): English Birch, Burl Birch, Flame Birch

Sources: Western Europe, Great Britain, to Scandanavia

Characteristics: Typically distorted grain marked with burls, pin knots, color variation, heavy and varied figure patterns.

Common cuts: Rotary cut, Plain sliced

Uses: Accent inlay work, architectural millwork, fine furniture tops, automobile dashboards and other accent components.

Availability: Obtainable

Price: \$\$\$\$

Bosse



Latin name: *Guarea cedrata*

Common name(s): Guarea

Sources: Tropical West Africa to Uganda

Characteristics: Pale brown to pinkish brown sapwood with dark brown to reddish brown heartwood. Occasional interlocked grain can produce mottled or draped figure patterns.

Common cuts: Quarter sliced, Plain sliced

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber for architectural millwork and occasional cabinetry.

Availability: Reasonable availability depending on level of specification

Price: \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ depending on specification

Bubinga, Quarter Cut



Latin name: *Guibourtia demeusei*

Common name(s): African Rosewood, Kevasingo (when rotary cut), Kevazinga (RC), Buvenga

Sources: West Africa

Characteristics: Light to dark red to brown with purple hues. Grain is medium texture with minimum to heavy figure, often with distinct patterns such as quilted, waterfall, and chevron.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Rotary Cut (Called Kevizingo when RC), Quarter Sliced

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber for architectural millwork and occasional cabinetry.

Availability: Reasonable availability depending on level of specification

Price: \$\$\$

Bubinga, Quarter Figured



Latin name: *Guibourtia demeusei*

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Availability: Reasonable availability depending on level of specification

Price: \$\$\$

Bubinga, Waterfall



Latin name: *Guibourtia demeusei*

Common name(s): African Rosewood, Kevasingo (when rotary cut), Kevazinga (RC), Buvenga

Sources: West Africa

Characteristics: Light to dark red to brown with purple hues. Grain is medium texture with minimum to heavy figure, often with distinct patterns such as quilted, waterfall, and chevron.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Rotary Cut (Called Kevizingo when RC), Quarter Sliced

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber for architectural millwork and occasional cabinetry.

Availability: Reasonable availability depending on level of specification

Price: \$\$\$

Butternut



Latin name: *Juglans cinerea*

Common name(s): White Walnut

Sources: USA and Canada

Characteristics: Heart wood is soft brown color with occasional darker streaks with a low lustre. Sapwood is light cream to tan. Grain is semi ring porous with typical dark and light colorations for early and late wood.

Common cuts: Plain sliced

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber for architectural millwork and occasional cabinetry.

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Cedar, Aromatic



Latin name: *Juniperus virginiana*

Common name(s): Red Cedar, Eastern Red Cedar, Aromatic Red Cedar

Sources: Eastern USA

Characteristics: Sapwood is very light in contrast to dark red to almost purple heartwood. Veneer is usually highly marked with open and sound knots, splits, and light and dark color streaks. Although not a true cedar, the distinctive aroma from this species is generally associated with the classic cedar smell.

Common cuts: Plain sliced

Uses: Closet liners and other applications where the aromatic qualities are suited.

Availability: Plentiful

Price: \$\$

Cedar, Knotty Western Red



Latin name: *Thuja plicata*

Common name(s): Red Cedar, Pacific Red Cedar

Sources: Western USA and Canada

Characteristics: Seasons to a dark red to reddish brown and will turn silvery gray if exposed to weather over time. Soft smooth texture with a generally straight grain. Usually selected for rustic knotty appearance for aesthetic purposes. Not a true cedar, but has distinct cedar aroma due to presence of certain oils and resins.

Common cuts: Plain sliced

Uses: Wall paneling, cabinetry, rustic furniture, decorative ceiling panels.

Availability: Reasonable

Price: \$\$

Cedar, Spanish



Latin name: *Cedrela spp.*

Common name(s): Cedro, Brazilian Cedar, Honduras(n) Cedar, Others by origin of source

Sources: Central America, South America, Caribbean Islands Mexico

Characteristics: Light to dark red to reddish brown. Soft moderately coarse texture. Not a true cedar, but probably characterized as such due to the distinct aroma typically associated with cedar and cedar oils or resins.

Common cuts: Rotary cut, Plain sliced

Uses: Humidors, cigar boxes, boat interiors, cabinetry.

Availability: Reasonable

Price: \$\$

Cherry



Latin name: *Prunus serotina*

Common name(s): American Black Cherry

Sources: USA, Canada

Characteristics: Pink to reddish brown heart wood, blonde sap wood. Tight grain minimum early wood. Gum, pin knots, and burls are prevalent. Figure is common and may include heavy patterns such as ropey, mottled, chevron, and flare.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced (usually as false quarters)

Uses: Kitchen and bath cabinetry, fine furniture, architectural millwork, molding.

Availability: Readily available

Price: \$\$

Cherry, Ropey Figured



Latin name: *Prunus serotina*

Common name(s): American Black Cherry

Sources: USA, Canada

Characteristics: Pink to reddish brown heart wood, blonde sap wood. Tight grain minimum early wood. Gum, pin knots, and burls are prevalent. Figure is common and may include heavy patterns such as ropey, mottled, chevron, and flare.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced (usually as false quarters)

Uses: Kitchen and bath cabinetry, fine furniture, architectural millwork, molding.

Availability: Readily available

Price: \$\$

Chestnut, American, Wormy



Latin name: *Castanea dentata*

Common name(s): Wormy Chestnut

Sources: Eastern USA and Canada

Characteristics: Medium to dark brown heart wood. Grain is moderately coarse in texture, typical grain configuration for ring porous species with coarse early wood. Generally straight grain with some figure possible, including interlocked grain. Due to chestnut blight almost all shows some sign of insect assault. Usually sold as wormy.

Common cuts: Plain sliced

Uses: Fancy furniture, millwork, and cabinetry.

Availability: Scarce

Price: \$\$\$\$

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Chestnut, Burl



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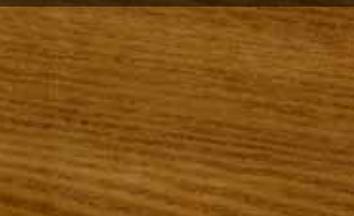
Common cuts: Plain sliced

Uses: Fancy furniture, millwork, and cabinetry.

Availability: Scarce

Price: \$\$\$\$

Chestnut, European



Latin name: *Castanea sativa*

Common name(s): Sweet Chestnut, Spanish Chestnut

Sources: Mainly southwestern regions of Europe

Characteristics: Dark tan to brown heart wood with cream sap wood. Generally straight grain with some figure possible, including interlocked grain.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced

Uses: Fine furniture, kitchen cabinetry, architectural millwork and molding, coffins.

Availability: Varies

Price: \$\$\$

Ebony, African



Latin name: *Diospyros crassiflora* (chiefly)

Common name(s): Regional names to include Cameroon, Gabon, Madagascar, and Nigerian Ebony

Sources: Cameroon, Gabon, Madagascar, and Nigeria

Characteristics: Heart wood is dark gray to nearly black with potential for gray streaks. Grain is very dense with medium fine texture and straight to interlocked figure. Usually available in shorter lengths.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced

Uses: Hardware components, turnings, inlays, banding, and occasional millwork.

Availability: Varies

Price: \$\$\$\$

Ebony, Macassar



Latin name: *Diospyros celebica*

Common name(s): Coromandel, Calamander, Wood Indian Ebony, Tendu, Several others

Sources: India and Sri Lanka

Characteristics: Black heartwood with lighter streaks of grays and browns.

Usually straight grain with occasional figure and a smooth texture.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced

Uses: Architectural millwork, molding, inlay, and accent trim.

Availability: Reasonable

Price: \$\$\$\$

Elm, Carpathian Burl



Latin name: *Ulmus campestris*

Common name(s): Burl elm

Sources: Carpathian Mountain Range

Characteristics: Light tan to brick red pocked with pin knots, burls, swirls, insect damage, and the like. Highly desirable because of its rustic appearance.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Architectural millwork, inlay work, high end furniture, automobile interiors and accent trim.

Availability: Obtainable

Price: \$\$\$\$+

Fir, Vertical Grain



Latin name: *Pseudotsuga menziesii*

Common name(s): Douglas Fir Quarter Cut, Doug Fir, Oregon Pine

Sources: Northwestern USA and SW Canada

Characteristics: Golden to reddish brown, with extremely tight and straight fine vertical grain lines developing when the wood is quarter sliced.

Common cuts: Quarter sliced

Uses: Moldings, joinery, inlay work, flooring, paneling, fine furniture, cabinetry, specialty applications.

Availability: Obtainable

Price: \$\$\$

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Gum, Red



Latin name: *Liquidambar styraciflua*

Common name(s): American Red Gum, Sweet Gum, Hazel Pine

Sources: USA to Central America

Characteristics: Pinkish white sapwood contrasting with reddish brown heartwood with dark streaks usually present. Interlocked grain may produce striped and occasionally mottled figure appearance.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Cabinetry, millwork, paneling, fine furniture, flooring, and molding.

Availability: Obtainable

Price: \$\$

Hickory



Latin name: *Carya spp.*

Common name(s): Pignut Hickory, Mockernut Hickory, Shellbark Hickory, Shagbark Hickory

Sources: USA and Canada

Characteristics: Pale yellow sapwood with light brown to reddish brown to gray brown heartwood. Some moderately coarse early wood, but otherwise hard and smooth. Some may contain color variation, color streaks, and rustic marks like worm track and bird peck. Same genus as Pecan.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Cabinetry, millwork, paneling, fine furniture, flooring, and molding.

Availability: Abundant

Price: \$\$

Holly



Latin name: *Ilex spp.*

Common name(s): European Holly, American Holly

Sources: USA and Europe

Characteristics: Very light and plentiful sapwood, irregular grain, very fine texture.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Cabinetry, millwork, boat building, inlay work, specialty applications.

Availability: Obtainable

Price: \$\$

Jatoba, Flat Cut



Latin name: *Hymenaea courbaril*

Common name(s): Brazilian Cherry, Courbaril, West Indian Locust

Sources: Central and South America to the West Indies

Characteristics: Orangish color of freshly cut heartwood seasons to darker reddish brown. Medium texture with interlocked grain produces striped effect when quarter sliced.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Flooring, cabinetry, furniture, boat interiors.

Availability: Abundant

Price: \$\$

Lacewood



Latin name: *Cardwellia sublimis*

Common name(s): Silky Oak, Selano, Australian Silky Oak, Bull oak

Sources: Australia

Characteristics: Lighter shade of red, even pink to somewhat darker color against a coarse texture with visible rays similar to that in the oaks. When quarter sliced, the rays produce pronounced flake with a somewhat silky flow.

Common cuts: Quarter sliced, Plain sliced

Uses: Architectural millwork, moldings, wall paneling, cabinetry, flooring, fine furniture.

Availability: Reasonable availability depending on level of specification

Price: \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ depending on specification

Lyptus



Latin name: *Hybrid of Eucalyptus, probably Eucalyptus urophylla and E. Grandis*

Common name(s): Lyptus®

Sources: Amazon basin

Characteristics: Widely varying color from creamy yellow to dried blood red and everything in between against a surface similar in grain and growth characteristics to the mahoganies. Synthetic hybrid, but also capable of occurring in the wild. *E. grandis* originated in Australia. *E. urophylla* is native to South America.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Architectural millwork, moldings, wall paneling, cabinetry, flooring, fine furniture.

Availability: Abundant

Price: \$\$

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Mahogany, African



Latin name: *Khaya Ivorensis*

Common name(s): African Mahogany, Khaya

Sources: Central Africa East to West

Characteristics: Only one of two species considered to be genuine mahogany, this species has light to dark red to reddish brown heartwood, medium coarse texture, and interlocked grain which appears as striped (frequently generically called Ribbon stripe). Where grain is absent, surface may contain well defined cathedrals in crown cut veneer.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Architectural millwork, molding, judges panels, flat wall panels, cabinetry, fine furniture, inlay, and accent trim.

Availability: Reasonable. Often used in place of Honduras Mahogany which is restricted by CITES*.

Price: \$\$-\$\$\$ depending on specifications

Mahogany, South American



Latin name: *Swietenia macrophylla*

Common name(s): Honduras Mahogany, Swietenia, American Mahogany, Mogno

Sources: Central America (primarily Brazil), South America, Caribbean Islands, Mexico

Characteristics: The other genuine mahogany, this species can be described much like it's distant relative African Mahogany. Interlocked grain produces the common ribbon stripe appearance in quarter sliced veneer.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Architectural millwork, molding, judges panels, flat wall panels, some cabinetry, fine furniture, inlay, and accent trim.

Availability: Suppressed due to CITES* restrictions in much of its range.

Price: \$\$\$ (due to low availability)

Makore, Plain



Latin name: *Tieghmella heckelii*

Common name(s): African Cherry, Douka, Cherry Mahogany

Sources: West Africa

Characteristics: Heartwood can vary from pinkish red to rich blood red. Usually straight grain, but when interlocked grain is present produces block mottled figure, striping, or combination when quarter sliced.

Common cuts: Quarter sliced, Plain sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Architectural millwork, molding, judges panels, flat wall panels, some cabinetry, fine furniture, inlay, and accent trim.

Availability: Reasonable depending on specifications **Price:** \$\$\$-\$\$\$ depending on specification

Makore, Rosebud



Latin name: *Tieghmella heckelii*

Common name(s): African Cherry, Douka, Cherry Mahogany

Sources: West Africa

Characteristics: Heartwood can vary from pinkish red to rich blood red. Usually straight grain, but when interlocked grain is present produces block mottled figure, striping, or combination when quarter sliced.

Common cuts: Quarter sliced, Plain sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Architectural millwork, molding, judges panels, flat wall panels, some cabinetry, fine furniture, inlay, and accent trim.

Availability: Reasonable depending on specifications **Price:** \$\$\$-\$\$\$ depending on specification

Maple, Birds' Eye



Latin name: *Acer saccharum, A. nigrum*

Common name(s): Bird's Eye Maple

Sources: USA and Canada

Characteristics: Same as Hard Maple except for heavy presence of nested conical indentations in the growth rings resembling birds' eyes when cut.

Common cuts: Rotary cut, Plain sliced

Uses: Architectural wall panels, millwork, molding, inlay, and accent trim, specialty applications.

Availability: Obtainable **Price:** \$\$\$-\$\$\$ depending on specification

Maple, Curly



Latin name: *Acer saccharum, A. nigrum*

Common name(s): Curly Maple, Quilted Maple, Figured Maple, Fiddleback Maple

Sources: USA and Canada

Characteristics: Same as Hard Maple except for heavy presence of distorted grain (figure) ranging from curly or wavy to tight fiddleback, to pleated quilted pattern.

Common cuts: Rotary cut, Plain sliced

Uses: Architectural wall panels, millwork, molding, inlay, and accent trim, specialty applications.

Availability: Obtainable **Price:** \$\$\$-\$\$\$ depending on specification

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Maple, Hard



Latin name: *Acer saccharum, A. nigrum*

Common name(s): Rock Maple, Sugar Maple, White Maple

Sources: USA and Canada

Characteristics: Sapwood varies from soft pinkish white to light yellow to light khaki in color. Surface is smooth, tight, and dense. Heartwood ranges from dark brown to green to black. Typically sold as white maple. Growth rings are light and at times imperceptible. Susceptible to insect assault resulting in brown streaks called worm track.

Common cuts: Rotary cut, Plain sliced, Half Round, Quarter sliced and Rift cut usually pulled from sliced quarters

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber primarily for kitchen cabinetry and furniture. Excellent surface for painting.

Availability: Readily available **Price:** \$-\$\$ depending on specifications

Maple, Silver



Latin name: *Acer saccharinum, A. rubrum*

Common name(s): Silver Maple, Red Maple, Soft Maple

Sources: USA and Canada

Characteristics: Less luster than hard maple with more color variation, color streaks, and stain.

Common cuts: Rotary cut

Uses: Utility panels, some cabinetry, millwork, moldings, and furniture frames.

Availability: Readily available **Price:** \$

Oak, English Brown



Latin name: *Quercus robur, Q. petraea*

Common name(s): European Oak, Pollard Oak, Pedunculate Oak

Sources: England, France, Baltics, Western Europe to Turkey, to North Africa, Eastern Canada and NE USA.

Characteristics: A true oak from the Quercus genus, English Brown Oak has pronounced coarse grain in early wood, smooth grain in latewood, and large rays when quarter sliced. Susceptible to assault from the beefsteak fungus that turns the heartwood a warm medium brown. May have a rustic look. Highly prized for its warmth and beauty.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced

Uses: Architectural millwork, casework, judges panels, parquetry, fine furniture, church furniture.

Availability: Scarce **Price:** \$\$\$\$

Oak, Red, Rotary Cut



Latin name: *Quercus rubra and related species*

Common name(s): Red Oak, Northern Red Oak, Southern Red Oak; more than 10 other names

Sources: North America

Characteristics: Sharp contrast between coarse early wood and smooth late wood.

Heartwood color is light tan to pinkish to reddish brown to dark tan or khaki. Large rays produce pronounced flake appearance across the grain when the wood is quarter sliced. Rift cutting minimizes the flake appearance.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced, Rift cut

Uses: Kitchen and bath cabinetry, furniture, architectural millwork, wall paneling, casework, molding, flooring.

Availability: Plentiful **Price:** \$-\$\$ depending on specifications

Oak, Red, Quarter Cut



Latin name: *Quercus rubra and related species*

Common name(s): Red Oak, Northern Red Oak, Southern Red Oak; more than 10 other names

Sources: North America

Characteristics: Sharp contrast between coarse early wood and smooth late wood.

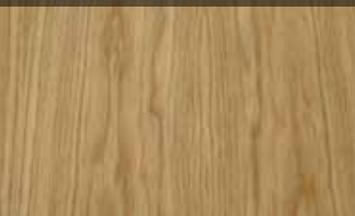
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Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced, Rift cut

Uses: Kitchen and bath cabinetry, furniture, architectural millwork, wall paneling, casework, molding, flooring.

Availability: Plentiful **Price:** \$-\$\$ depending on specifications

Oak, White



Latin name: *Quercus alba and related species*

Common name(s): White Oak, with at least 10 commercially harvested members in this group

Sources: North America

Characteristics: Sharp contrast between coarse early wood and smooth late wood.

Heartwood color is light brown to light gray to medium brown. Large rays produce pronounced flake appearance across the grain when the wood is quarter sliced. Rift cutting minimizes the flake appearance.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced, Rift cut

Uses: Kitchen and bath cabinetry, furniture, architectural millwork, wall paneling, casework, molding, flooring.

Availability: Common **Price:** \$\$

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Paldo



Latin name: *Dracontomelum dao*

Common name(s): New Guineawood

Sources: Phillipines

Characteristics: Gray brown heartwood with tinges of greenish to brown to nearly black stripes. Medium texture. Interlocked grain produces straight stipe appearance when quarter sliced.

Common cuts: Quarter sliced, Plain sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Kitchen and bath cabinetry, fine furniture, architectural millwork, molding, flooring, architectural as wall paneling, casework, office furniture.

Availability: Scarce

Price: \$\$\$\$

Pearwood, Swiss



Latin name: *Pyrus communis*

Common name(s): Swiss Pearwood, European Pearwood, Pearwood

Sources: Western Asia to the British Isles

Characteristics: Soft, rich fine texture with reasonably straight perceivable growth rings. Heartwood is warm pinkish to pinkish brown. Veneer is almost translucent.

Common cuts: Plain sliced

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber for architectural millwork and occasional cabinetry.

Availability: Obtainable

Price: \$\$\$\$

Pine, Eastern White



Latin name: *Pinus strobus*

Common name(s): White Pine, Clear White Pine, Spruce Pine, Northern White Pine, Quebec Pine

Sources: Eastern Canada and the USA

Characteristics: Soft pale yellow to light pink to light reddish brown, with resin ducts that form narrow brown lines parallel to the grain. Uniform medium texture with nearly inconspicuous growth rings.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Joinery, millwork, fine furniture, wall panels, kitchen and bath cabinetry, furniture frames.

Availability: Common

Price: \$\$

Pine, Knotty



Latin name: *Pinus monticola*

Common name(s): Idaho Pine, Mountain Pine, Silver Pine

Sources: Western Canada, USA

Characteristics: Light yellow to creamy white sapwood with reddish brown heartwood. Resin ducts form narrow brown lines parallel to the grain. Relatively straight grain. Characteristically very limby, resulting in large numbers and varying sizes of knots throughout.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Joinery, millwork, fine furniture, wall panels, kitchen and bath cabinetry, furniture frames.

Availability: Readily available

Price: \$\$

Pine, Western White



Latin name: *Pinus monticola*

Common name(s): Idaho Pine, Mountain Pine, Silver Pine

Sources: Western Canada, USA

Characteristics: Light yellow to creamy white sapwood with reddish brown heartwood. Resin ducts form narrow brown lines parallel to the grain. Relatively straight grain. Characteristically very limby, resulting in large numbers and varying sizes of knots throughout.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Joinery, millwork, fine furniture, wall panels, kitchen and bath cabinetry, furniture frames.

Availability: Readily available

Price: \$\$

Poplar, Eur. (Mappa Burl)



Latin name: *Populus spp.*

Common name(s): European Black Poplar, European Aspen, Italian Poplar, USA and Canada

Sources: Europe

Characteristics: Creamy whitish yellow to almost opaque white to pale tan sapwood on a smooth texture surface with almost imperceptible growth ring appearance. Occasionally developed as heavy burl sold under the trade name Mappa Burl.

Common cuts: Plain Sliced, Rotary

Uses: Prized for decorative inlay work. Used for some cabinetry, millwork, moldings, and furniture frames.

Availability: Rare as Mappa Burl, common as Aspen or European Poplar

Price: \$\$\$\$ (Burl) \$-\$\$ (Poplar)

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Poplar, Yellow



Latin name: *Liriodendron tulipifera*

Common name(s): Yellow Poplar, Tulipwood, American Whitewood, Canary Wood, Canoe Wood

Sources: Eastern North America

Characteristics: Soft yellow sapwood contrasting with gray to gray green to almost black heartwood on a smooth texture surface with subtle growth ring appearance.

Common cuts: Rotary

Uses: Utility panels, some cabinetry, millwork, moldings, and furniture frames.

Availability: Readily available **Price:** \$

Purpleheart



Latin name: *Peltogyne paniculata*, *Peltogyne spp.*

Common name(s): Amaranth, Amarante, Violet Wood

Sources: Tropical Central and South America

Characteristics: Deep purple color. Grain is usually straight with some figure. Small deposits of white silica may be present.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber for architectural millwork and occasional cabinetry.

Availability: Reasonable availability depending on level of specification

Price: \$\$\$

Rosewood, Brazilian



Latin name: *Dalbergia nigra*

Common name(s): Rosewood, Jacaranda, Rio Rosewood, Bahia Rosewood

Sources: Brazil and other Tropical American regions

Characteristics: Stark contrast between yellowish sapwood and dark red to violet to brown heartwood. Medium lustre, medium to sometimes coarse texture. Oily to the touch. Grain generally straight but may swirl, at times resembling a characteristic called monkey ear. Highly prized as one of the most beautiful of all hardwoods.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced

Uses: Musical instrument, parquetry, marquetry, and extremely high end architectural millwork and cabinetry.

Availability: True Brazilian Rosewood has been on embargo for years and is considered endangered by CITES*.

Price: \$\$\$\$\$++

Rosewood, East Indian



Latin name: *Dalbergia latifolia*

Common name(s): Bombay Blackwood, Indian Rosewood, Java Palisander, Indian palisander

Sources: India

Characteristics: Similar to and often substituted for Brazilian Rosewood, but often darker with more of a purplish cast. When interlocked grain is present, quarter slicing may produce faint to pronounced striping.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced

Uses: High end furniture, architectural millwork, boat interiors, turnery, and architectural wall paneling.

Availability: Scarce **Price:** \$\$\$\$

Rosewood, Santos



Latin name: *Machaerium spp.*

Common name(s): Caviuna, Jacaranda Pardo, Pau Ferro, Santos Palisander (*M. scleroxylon*), South American Rosewood

Sources: Generally same as Brazilian Rosewood

Characteristics: Similar to and often substituted for Brazilian Rosewood.

Common cuts: Plain sliced

Uses: Musical instrument components, parquetry, marquetry, and high end architectural millwork and cabinetry.

Availability: Scarce **Price:** \$\$\$\$

Sapele, Plain



Latin name: *Entandrophragma cylindricum*

Common name(s): Sapeli, Sapele Mahogany, Aboudikro

Sources: Africa - widespread

Characteristics: Heartwood seasons to reddish or purplish brown. Grain is typically interlocked, resulting in pronounced striped effect when quarter sliced. When interlocked grain is absent, appearance can be quite plain. Pommele figure from rotary cut veneer appears as diagonal waves of varying intensity.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced, Rotary (for Pommele figure)

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber for architectural millwork and occasional cabinetry and boat interiors.

Availability: Reasonable to very good availability depending on level of specification

Price: \$\$-\$\$\$ depending on specifications

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Sapele, Pommele



Latin name: *Entandrophragma cylindricum*

Common name(s): Sapeli, Sapele Mahogany, Aboudikro

Sources: Africa - widespread

Characteristics: Heartwood seasons to reddish or purplish brown. Grain is typically interlocked, resulting in pronounced striped effect when quarter sliced. When interlocked grain is absent, appearance can be quite plain. Pommele figure from rotary cut veneer appears as diagonal waves of varying intensity.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced, Rotary (for Pommele figure)

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber for architectural millwork and occasional cabinetry and boat interiors.

Availability: Reasonable to very good availability depending on level of specification

Price: \$\$-\$\$\$ depending on specifications

Sapele, Quarter Cut, Dark



Latin name: *Entandrophragma cylindricum*

Common name(s): Sapeli, Sapele Mahogany, Aboudikro

Sources: Africa - widespread

Characteristics: Heartwood seasons to reddish or purplish brown. Grain is typically interlocked, resulting in pronounced striped effect when quarter sliced. When interlocked grain is absent, appearance can be quite plain. Pommele figure from rotary cut veneer appears as diagonal waves of varying intensity.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced, Rotary (for Pommele figure)

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber for architectural millwork and occasional cabinetry and boat interiors.

Availability: Reasonable to very good availability depending on level of specification

Price: \$\$-\$\$\$ depending on specifications

Sapele, Quarter Cut, Figured



Latin name: *Entandrophragma cylindricum*

Common name(s): Sapeli, Sapele Mahogany, Aboudikro

Sources: Africa - widespread

Characteristics: Heartwood seasons to reddish or purplish brown. Grain is typically interlocked, resulting in pronounced striped effect when quarter sliced. When interlocked grain is absent, appearance can be quite plain. Pommele figure from rotary cut veneer appears as diagonal waves of varying intensity.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced, Rotary (for Pommele figure)

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber for architectural millwork and occasional cabinetry and boat interiors.

Availability: Reasonable to very good availability depending on level of specification

Price: \$\$-\$\$\$ depending on specifications

Sapele, Quarter Cut, Light



Latin name: *Entandrophragma cylindricum*

Common name(s): Sapeli, Sapele Mahogany, Aboudikro

Sources: Africa - widespread

Characteristics: Heartwood seasons to reddish or purplish brown. Grain is typically interlocked, resulting in pronounced striped effect when quarter sliced. When interlocked grain is absent, appearance can be quite plain. Pommele figure from rotary cut veneer appears as diagonal waves of varying intensity.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced, Rotary (for Pommele figure)

Uses: Decorative veneer and lumber for architectural millwork and occasional cabinetry and boat interiors.

Availability: Reasonable to very good availability depending on level of specification

Price: \$\$-\$\$\$ depending on specifications

Sycamore, English



Latin name: *Acer pseudoplatanus*

Common name(s): Plane, Sycamore Plane, Sycamore Maple

Sources: Great Britain and Europe

Characteristics: Very light to creamy white sap and heart wood. Straight narrow grain typically accented with heavy tight cross figure.

Common cuts: Quarter sliced, Plain sliced

Uses: Architectural millwork, wall panels, fine furniture, high end cabinetry, specialty applications.

Availability: Scarce **Price:** \$\$\$

Tamo



Latin name: *Fraxinus mandschurica*

Common name(s): Japanese Ash

Sources: Japan and Southeast Asia

Characteristics: Straw colored to medium brown heartwood much like North American Ash.

Grain is generally straight but some curly figure could be present even as fine as fiddleback. Texture is coarse.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Rotary cut

Uses: Architectural millwork, wall panels, fine furniture, high end cabinetry, specialty applications.

Availability: Reasonable to very good availability depending on level of specification

Price: \$\$

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Teak, Flat Cut



Latin name: *Tectona grandis*

Common name(s): Teak

Sources: India, Myanmar, Thailand

Characteristics: Dark yellow to golden brown with dark brown to black streaks prevalent. Oily to the touch on a moderately smooth surface. Quarter slicing sometimes produces a striped effect in the presence of interlocked grain.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced

Uses: Outdoor furniture, boat interiors, decking, flooring, architectural millwork and specialty applications.

Availability: Reasonable to very good availability depending on level of specification

Price: \$\$\$

Teak, Quarter Cut



Latin name: *Tectona grandis*

Common name(s): Teak

Sources: India, Myanmar, Thailand

Characteristics: Dark yellow to golden brown with dark brown to black streaks prevalent. Oily to the touch on a moderately smooth surface. Quarter slicing sometimes produces a striped effect in the presence of interlocked grain.

Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced

Uses: Outdoor furniture, boat interiors, decking, flooring, architectural millwork and specialty applications.

Availability: Reasonable to very good availability depending on level of specification

Price: \$\$\$

Walnut, American Black



Latin name: *Juglans nigra*

Common name(s): Walnut, Black Walnut

Sources: Eastern USA and Southeastern Canada

Characteristics: Heartwood varies from dark tan to deep chocolate depending on amount of exposure to air prior to drying. Grain varies from very straight to interlocked which produces pronounced figure that may or may not be desirable. Pin knots with small dark centers may be prevalent.

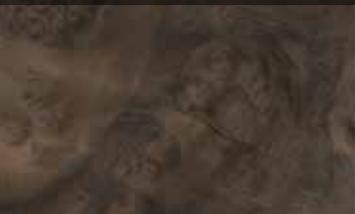
Common cuts: Plain sliced, Quarter sliced (usually pulled from sliced)

Uses: Architectural millwork, judges panels, parquetry, musical instruments, fine furniture, cabinetry.

Availability: Readily available

Price: \$\$-\$\$\$ depending on specifications

Walnut, Burl



Latin name: *Juglans regia*, *J. nigra*, *J. californica*, *J. hindsii*

Common name(s): Walnut Burl, Claro Walnut

Sources: Mid-western to Western USA

Characteristics: Generally considered to be a graft of English walnut to American walnut. This produces the classic burl pattern in some cases, and multiple heavy figure patterns in others, such as quilted, beeswing, or drape. Color is much like black walnut with heavy burls, pin knots, and dark spots common.

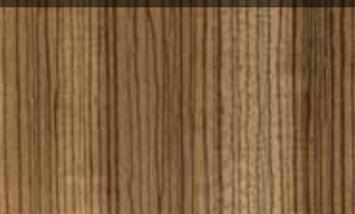
Common cuts: Rotary cut, Plain sliced

Uses: Accent inlay work, architectural millwork, fine furniture tops, auto dashboards and accent components.

Availability: Obtainable

Price: \$\$\$\$

Zebrawood



Latin name: *Microberlinia brazzavillensis*, *M. bisulcata*

Common name(s): Zebrano

Sources: West Africa, Cameroon, Congo, Gaboon

Characteristics: Variegated with light yellow to golden background overlaid with dark brown to almost black stripes. Typically interlocked grain results in almost straight striped effect in quarter sliced wood.

Common cuts: Quarter sliced

Uses: Fine furniture, architectural millwork, boat interiors, architectural wall panels, inlay work.

Availability: Obtainable

Price: \$\$\$\$

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