

## WOOD DESCRIPTION AND CHARACTERISTICS

### JARRAH

*Eucalyptus marginata* - WA

Large tree, 40m height. Hardwood - South/West forests. Interlocked grain, often speckles present.  
Large burls often available.

### HUON PINE

*Dacrydium franklinii* - Tasmanian Highlands

Large tree, 35m, of limited occurrence. Not a true pine. Often with birdseye figure. Oily and scented with irregular grain.

### SASSAFRASS

*Atherosperma moschatum* - Tasmanian Highlands

Medium tree, 25m. Heartwood dark grey to medium brown with black stains caused by water entering living tree due to limb loss while growing. Fine even texture, often spalted.

### SHEOAK

*Casuarina fraserana* - WA

Medium tree, 15m. Occurs South/West forests where Jarrah is found. Heartwood red-brown, sapwood paler. Distinctive rays giving attractive figure. Straight grain, fine texture.

### OLIVE

*Olea europaea*

Long living medium height tree. Irregular light brown to dark brown streaks giving marble-like appearance. Irregular grain.  
Source - Geraldton - branches of very old tree.

### ASH

*Fraxinus excelsior*

Medium tree, 30m. Heartwood is creamy white colour. Wavy grain, coarse texture. Very strong, used for sports equipment (racquets).

### SILKY OAK

*Stenocarpus salignus*

Often called Beefwood. Heartwood dark red, sapwood paler with rays prominent. Straight grain, coarse texture. Common throughout Australia. Medium size hardwood tree.

### MUSK

*Olearia argophylla* - Tasmania

Small understorey tree, of wet colder forests. Light brown with variety of grain, often highly figured or burred (birdseye).  
Fine even texture, does not finish with a high gloss.

**MAPLE**

**Acer saccharum**

Native to North America but grown world wide. Large tree to 35m. Often with birdseye figuring. Straight to curly grain, fine even texture. Difficult to machine.

**YORK GUM**

**Eucalyptus loxophleba** - WA

Small tree to 15m. Wheatbelt to Goldfields. Heartwood yellow - brown, sapwood lighter. Often trees have numerous small burls. Fine, tight interlocked grain.

**CAMPBOR LAUREL**

**Cinnamomum camphora** - Widely planted in Australia

Large tree. Heartwood variable colour from yellow to grey - brown, often red/orange streaks. Fine even texture, grain interlocked. Characteristic camphor odour repellent to moths. Leaves and wood distilled to yield camphor.

**MALLET**

**Eucalyptus astringens**

Medium size hardwood of large rainfall areas of WA. Heartwood pale red - brown with darker streaks. High in tannin. Fine even texture grain often interlocked. Hard to work. Very strong, used for handles.