

## Bottle Stoppers Wood Blanks

### **1. Bocote (*cordia gerascantus*)**

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A small tree seldom growing larger than 12" in diameter. Heartwood is a yellowish brown accented with black lines. Freshly cut Bocote has a green tinge, and is oily to the touch.

### **2. Cocobolo (*dalbergia retusa*)**

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A medium size tree growing up to 2 feet in diameter 90 feet tall. Heartwood varies from a bright orange to a deep red with attractive varied stripes of yellow, black, and orange. Darkens on exposure. A fine texture and excellent color make Cocobolo one of the most popular exotic woods.

### **3. Zebrawood (*microberlinia brazzavillensis*)**

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Also called Zebrano, this tree can reach in excess of 150 feet. Diameters commonly measure between 5 and 7 feet. Heartwood is light golden-yellow with streaks and veining of dark chocolate brown. Dries slowly, and tends to surface check and end-split during seasoning. Coarse texture and interlocked grain must be surfaced with care. High luster finish on this hard wood make it extremely decorative.

### **4. Birdseye Maple (*acer saccharum*)**

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A medium to moderately large tree growing up to 90 feet high. The heartwood and sapwood are not usually distinguishable. The term "Birdseye" is derived from the small eye-like markings on the wood. This is a very popular wood for veneer. The fine, hard grain makes it ideal for turning.

### **5. Bubinga (*guibourtia demeusii*)**

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Bubinga is a very distinctive wood from West Africa and is quite representative of wood from that part of the world. Heartwood is reddish-brown after darkening from exposure. Some pieces display fine, evenly spaced lines of a darker hue.