

Rare Woods Collection Wood Blanks

1. Macassar Ebony (*Diospyros celebica*)

This tree grows to heights of 70 feet. Heartwood is dark brown to black, streaked throughout with darker and paler bands, stripes, and splotches. Sawing can be difficult due to the hardness of the wood. Finishes well with high luster.

2. Kingwood (*Dalbergia cearensis*)

This tree rarely grows larger than 10 inches in diameter. Beautiful heartwood is of various colors with a violet-brown background. Streaks of yellow, violet, and black provide a very distinctive appearance. Generally easy to work on a lathe.

3. Blackwood (*Dalbergia melanoxylon*)

A small tree attaining a height of 45 feet, trunk diameter rarely above 14 inches. Heartwood is dark brown with predominant black lines which give an almost black appearance. Sapwood is pale yellow, giving a pleasant contrast. The grain may be straight or irregular, extremely fine texture. Dries slowly with a slight tendency to check. Used extensively for woodwind instruments, giving one of the best tones. Turns well, often used for carving. Capable of an excellent finish.

4. Nigerian Ebony (*Diospyros crassiflora mespiliformis*)

A rather small tree that reaches heights no taller than 60 feet and no larger than 2 feet in diameter. The heartwood is jet black, very hard, and very dense. Commonly used for carving and turning. Polishes to a high luster finish.

5. Honduras Rosewood (*Dalbergia stevenonii*)

A medium sized tree that usually grows no larger than 20 inches in diameter. Heartwood is light red or reddish brown with distinctly darker grain lines, heartwood also is yellowish with darker grain lines in some trees. The color does darken with exposure to sunlight. Turns well on a lathe and produces a high and lasting polish.

6. Rapala Lacewood (*Roupala brasiliensis*)

A medium sized tree with a height of 45-60 feet and a diameter of 18-28 inches. Heartwood is deep orange-brown with a broad rays creating a flamed pattern. Paler brown sapwood. Interlocked grain with a coarse uneven texture. Used for veneers, fancy cabinet work and woodturning.

7. Olivewood (*Olea europaea*)

A long lived tree with a short bole often with numerous holes and cavities and gnarled. The tree grows about 45 feet tall with a diameter of about 12 inches. Heartwood is light brown to dark brown with irregular streaks of grey, brown and black giving a marble like appearance. Irregular to interlocked grain. One of the easiest woods to turn. Avoid leaving in contact with steel, as Olivewood is very corrosive.

8. Canarywood (*Centrolobium paraense*)

Heartwood is yellow or orange, typically streaked with “rainbow-hued” colors, often mixed with shades of red or brown. Sapwood is yellow. Turns easily.