

American Cherry

Prunus serotina

Also known as: American cherry, Black cherry, Cabinet cherry.



WOOD TYPE Hardwood

INTRODUCTION –

ENVIRONMENTAL Not listed in CITES. Believed available from well-managed sources.

DISTRIBUTION Occurs in the deciduous forest areas from Ontario to Florida and from the Dakotas to Texas, but only in small quantities or as scattered trees.

THE TREE A medium-sized tree, 18m to 21m tall, with a diameter of 0.5m.

THE TIMBER The timber is hard, with a fine, straight, close grain, the heartwood varying in colour from reddish-brown to rich red, the narrow sapwood being pinkish. Fine, narrow, brown-coloured pith flecks, and small gum pockets are a common feature of the wood, which weighs about 580 kg/m³ when dried.

DRYING Relatively quick drying with some tendency to warp.

STRENGTH –

WORKING QUALITIES Good - It is moderately durable, works fairly easily, turns well, and takes an excellent polish.

Durability	Moderately durable	Chemical Properties	–
Treatability	–	Colour(s)	Reddish brown, Red
Moisture Movement	Medium	Use(s)	Joinery - Interior, Furniture
Density (mean, Kg/m³)	580 ()		
Texture	Fine		