



**Wood Type:**  
Hardwood

**Durability:**  
Slightly durable

**Treatability:**  
No information

**Moisture Movement:**  
Medium

**Density (mean, Kg/m<sup>3</sup>):**  
510

**Texture:**  
Fine

**Availability:**  
Limited availability at  
specialist timber mer-  
chant

**Use(s):**  
Joinery - Interior, Furni-  
ture

**Colour(s):**  
Yellow brown

### Introduction

Note: the recommended name for this timber in the UK is American yellow poplar. There are other, unrelated species which are also called tulipwood.

### Environmental

Not listed in CITES. Believed available from well-managed sources. Check certification status with suppliers.

### Distribution

Eastern USA and Canada.

### The tree

A large tree attaining a height of 37m or more, and a diameter of 2m or more.

### The timber

The sapwood is white, and in second-growth trees, very wide; the heartwood is variable in colour, ranging from olive green to yellow or brown, and may be streaked with steel-blue. The annual growth terminates in a white band of parenchyma giving a subdued figure to longitudinal surfaces. The wood is straight-grained, fine-textured, fairly soft and light in weight about 510 kg/m<sup>3</sup> when dried

### Drying

Dries easily and well, with little degrade.

### Strength

Similar to idigbo (*Terminalia ivorensis*) in general strength properties.

### Working qualities

Good - Easy to work, and finishes to a fine, smooth surface Takes nails without tending to split, glues well, can be stained polished or painted, and holds hard enamel finishes excellently.

Also known as: American yellow poplar (UK), American whitewood, tulip tree (UK and USA), canary wood (UK), canary whitewood (UK)