

African Mahogany

African mahogany is becoming more popular due to large price increases in genuine mahogany. It has a very similar color and graining but it is not as stable as genuine mahogany. The trees can grow to be quite large so it is possible to find wide long clear boards. From a sustainability standpoint, African mahogany grows in good rich ground that is not nearly as delicate as the Amazon basin.

Coloring

Heartwood color is variable, ranging from a very pale pink to a deeper reddish brown, sometimes with streaks of medium to dark reddish brown. Color tends to darken with age. Quartersawn surfaces can also exhibit a ribbon-stripe appearance.



Grain & Texture

Grain is straight to interlocked, with a medium to coarse texture. Good natural luster with a light-refracting optical phenomenon known as chatoyancy.