

The Colonial Woodsmyth

Common Name: Black Limba

Botanical Name: Terminalia superba



Other Common Names: Limba, Afara, Ofram, Akom, Frake, Korina

Common Uses: Decorative veneer, Furniture, Interior construction, Joinery, Paneling, Plywood

Region: Africa

Country: Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Togo, Zaire

Tree Data: The tree is reported to attain heights of 150 feet (46 m) at maturity, with trunk diameters of 4 to 8 feet (1.2 to 2.4 m) above broad plank-like buttresses. The tree develops boles that are often straight, well-developed and clear of branches to about 90 feet (27m).

Heartwood Color: Limba on the commercial market is reported to be either of two colors: uniformly cream, pale yellow or grayish brown sometimes with nearly black, irregular streaks which give the wood an attractive appearance. Sapwood and heartwood are not

clearly differentiated.

Grain: Grain is reported to be straight to irregular or interlocked.

Texture: Texture is moderately coarse.

Luster: Wood surface is reported to have a high, satiny luster.



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