

The Colonial Woodsmyth

Common Name: Bocote

Botanical Name: *Cordia gerascanthus*



Other Common Names: Anacahuite, Bocote, Bois de rose, Canalete, Cordia, Light American, Cupane, Ecuador laurel, Laurel, Laurel de costa, Laurel negro, Peterebi, Salmwood, Siricote

Common Uses: Cabinetmaking, Decorative veneer, Domestic flooring, Furniture, Interior trim, Joinery, Light construction, Turnery, Veneer, Balusters, Bedroom suites, Building construction, Building materials, Chairs, Chests, Concealed parts (Furniture), Construction, Core Stock, Desks, Dining-room furniture, Dowell pins, Dowells, Drawer sides, Excelsior, Figured veneer, Fine furniture, Floor lamps, Flooring, Furniture components, Furniture squares or stock, Hatracks, Interior construction, Kitchen cabinets, Living-room suites, Millwork, Moldings, Office furniture, Parquet flooring, Plain veneer, Radio, stereo, TV cabinets, Rustic furniture, Stairworks, Stools, Stringers, Sub-flooring, Tables, Trimming, Utility furniture, Wainscotting, Wardrobes

Region: Central America

Country: Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guadelope [France], Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua

Distribution: The species is reported to be distributed from Mexico to Costa Rica, and is also found in Colombia, Florida, and the West Indies. (Zamora, 1989). It is reported to grow up to elevations of about 1600 feet (500 m) in the tropical dry areas of Mexico with average annual precipitation of about 40 inches (1000 mm).

Tree Data: The size of the trees is reported to vary from small to large, sometimes reaching 100 feet (30 m) in height. The trees are reported to be often sparsely distributed over a wide range.

Sapwood Color: The color of the sapwood is typically brown, or brownish-red, yellow, or green in hue.

Heartwood Color: The heartwood color ranges from nearly white to golden brown, with irregular reddish to dark brown streaks.

Grain: The grain is typically straight, but may vary from straight to roey.

Texture: The texture is reported to be usually fine to medium, with a somewhat oily or waxy appearance.

