

The Colonial Woodsmyth

Common Name: Bubinga

Botanical Name: Guibourtia demeusei



Other Common Names: Akume, Bubinga, Ebana, Essingang, Kevazingo, Okweni, Ovang, Waka

Common Uses: Boat building, Decorative veneer, Domestic flooring, Furniture, Stairworks, Tool handles, Turnery, Canoes, Chairs, Chests, Concealed parts (Furniture), Desks, Dining-room furniture, Dowell pins, Dowells, Drawer sides, Figured veneer, Fine furniture, Floor lamps, Flooring, Furniture components, Furniture squares or stock, Handles,

Hatracks, Interior construction, Kitchen cabinets, Lifeboats, Livingroom suites, Office furniture, Parquet flooring, Radio, stereo, TV cabinets, Rustic furniture, Shafts/Handles, Shipbuilding, Stair rails, Stools, Stringers, Sub-flooring, Tables, Utility furniture, Veneer, Wardrobes

Region: Africa

Country: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Liberia, Nigeria, Uganda, Zaire

Distribution: The species is reported to occur in Equatorial West Africa, and is usually found scattered in open savannah woodland among other species.

Tree Data: The tree is described as slender, and seldom grows to heights above 70 feet (21 m). Trunk diameter is reported to be about 48 inches (120 cm).

Sapwood Color: The sapwood is generally white with a grayish cast, ivory or ivory white with streaks, or brownish white.

Heartwood Color: The heartwood is medium red-brown in color, usually with lighter red to purple veins.

Grain: The grain is typically straight. Annual rings are reported to be distinct, and usually appear as darker summerwood. Fine pores, which often contain a reddish gum, are diffused throughout the wood.

Texture: Texture is usually medium.

Luster: Wood surfaces are reported to be highly lustrous.

