

The Colonial Woodsmyth

Common Name: Leopardwood

Botanical Name: Roupala brasiliensis



Other Common

Names: Leopardwood, Leopard, Lacewood, Brazilian lacewood

Common Uses:

Turnings, musical instruments, decorative accessories, veneers, marquetry

Region: South America

Country: Brazil

Comments There has been ambiguity concerning the common name Lacewood. Originally Lacewood came from Australia and was the species *Cardwellia sublimia*.

Limited availability from Australia caused commercial replacement with two South American species *Panopsis rubellens* and *Roupala brasiliensis*. These are also known as Lacewood or Leopardwood.

If you attain Lacewood today, it is most likely *Panopsis rubellens*. It is the species most available today no matter what it is called. However, if the wood is reddish brown and about the weight of Red oak, it is

most likely to be *Roupala brasiliensis*.

Tree Data: Grows to 75 feet

Heartwood Color: Golden tan to medium brown, somewhat pinkish or orange.

Grain: The grain features rays that intersect the rings of annual growth; when the logs are cut, the rays display in a mottled pattern throughout the faces of the boards.

Texture: The texture is moderately coarse

