

The Colonial Woodsmyth

Common Name: Macassar Ebony

Botanical Name: Diospyros celebica



Other Common Names: Macassar ebony, Camagon, Coromandel, Calamander wood, Golden ebony, Indian ebony, Tendu, Temru, Tunki, Timbruni

Common Uses: Billiard-cue butts, Brush backs & handles, Cabinetmaking, Decorative veneer, Inlay work, Musical instruments, Tool handles, Turnery, Walking sticks



Region: Oceania and S.E. Asia

Country: India, Indonesia, Philippines

Distribution: The growth range of the species is reported to include the East Indies, Philippine Islands, and the Celebes Islands of Indonesia. It prefers well-drained, rocky soil, and is sometimes found near water but never in swamps.

Tree Data: The tree is reported to be generally small, and attains an average height of about 50 feet (15 m), with a trunk diameter of about 16 inches (41 cm).

Boles are reported to be often straight and clear from branches for 8 to 15 feet (2.4 to 4.6 m).

Sapwood Color: The sapwood is described as uniform light red in color.

Heartwood Color: The heartwood is reported to be black with reddish or reddish brown streaks. The combination of colors is reported to make the wood an attractive choice for face veneers.

Grain: The grain is typically straight to roey.

Texture: Texture is reported to be fine.

Luster: Luster is described as metallic.

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