

WESTERN BEECH



Nothofagus cunninghamii

A striking wood with rich red, pink and brown tones, Western Beech is a medium sized hardwood belonging to the same family as the beeches in NZ and South America. It is the major species found in Tasmanian rainforests. With colour varying from pink to a warm reddish brown, this timber is even-textured and has a fine grain that can be straight, interlocked or feature a fiddleback pattern. Western Beech can produce knotty wood and burls, which are highly coveted and invariably favoured and sought by craftspeople. Western Beech makes an excellent veneer and finishing timber, delivering a very smooth finish. It is also suitable for steam bending and turning, and is traditionally used for spindle turning and bowls.

SUITABILITY

Furniture
Joinery
Cabinetry
Feature paneling
Flooring & parquetry
Veneer
Craft



TECHNICAL DATA

Density (kg/m³) unseasoned	1100	Density (kg/m³) seasoned	700
Strength Group - unseasoned	S4	Strength Group - seasoned	SD5
Radial Shrinkage %	2.5	Tangential Shrinkage %	4.5
Lyctid Susceptible	Yes	Stability	Good
Colour	Pale pink to deep red	Durable	Not for external use
Grain	Straight, fine & even, occasionally wavy	Texture	Fine, uniform & smooth
Nailing	Good	Screwing	Good
Sawing	Excellent	Moulding	Excellent
Turning	Excellent	Bending	Excellent
Gluing	Satisfactory	Finishing	Good