

# LOCUST



Jatoba/Locust is exceptionally stiff, strong, and hard, representing a great value for woodworkers seeking high-strength. It is rated as being very durable in regards to rot resistance, and is also resistant to termites and most other insects. Useful for flooring, furniture, cabinetry, tool handles, shipbuilding, railroad ties, turned objects, and other small specialty items.

**International Trade Name:** Locust

**Scientific Name:** *Hymenaea Courbaril*

**Family:** *Caesalpiniaceae*

**Other name(s):** *Gaupinal, Jatoba*

**Distribution:** Northern South America

**Appearance:** Heartwood varies from a light orange-ish brown to a darker reddish brown, sometimes with contrasting darker grayish brown streaks. Colour tends to darken upon exposure to light. Sapwood is a light grayish yellow, clearly demarcated from the heartwood.

**Strength:** It is a very strong, hard, tough wood, generally superior to oak in all properties.

**Natural Durability:** Highly resistant to decay, termites and fire. The heartwood is very durable and extremely resistant to preservatives.

## Timber Processing

**Drying:** Slightly difficult to air dry...

**Working Qualities:** Its high density makes Jatoba moderately difficult to work.

**Assembly and Finish:** Holds screws well. It turns satisfactorily, glues well, finishes smoothly. Responds well to steam-bending.



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