

# Blackbutt

*Eucalyptus pilularis*



Blackbutt is harvested across the north coast of New South Wales and is grown in Forests NSW hardwood plantations. Blackbutt is the foremost sawlog species in New South Wales accounting for more than 22 per cent of timber sold to industry for manufacture into flooring and other premium building materials.

## Wood characteristics

**Heartwood** Pale brown with a faint tinge of pink.

**Sapwood** Distinctively paler than heartwood.

**Texture** Medium and even.

**Grain** Grain straight but occasionally slightly interlocked.

\*Gum veins common.

## Application

**Engineering** Wharf and bridge construction, railway sleepers, poles, piles.

**Construction** Unseasoned used in general house framing, fascia and barge boards. Seasoned used for dressed cladding, internal and external flooring, lining and joinery.



Also in fencing, landscaping and retaining walls.

**Decorative** Internal quality furniture, outdoor furniture, turnery, parquetry.

**Others** Boat building, agricultural machinery, structural plywood, hardboard, making paper (particularly fine writing and printing paper).

## Did you know ...

After a bushfire, the lower trunk of the tree darkens - hence the name 'blackbutt'.

