Wood Toxicity: Symptoms, Species, and Solutions

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Table 1. Woods known to have wood toxicity effects, arranged by trade name. Adapted from the Wood Database (http://www.wood-database.com). A good reference book about wood toxicity is "Woods Injurious to Human Health – A Manual" by Björn Hausen (1981) ISBN 3-11-008485-6.

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African Blackwood	Dalbergia melanoxylon	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Central Africa, Southern Africa	Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
African Mahogany	Khaya anthotheca	Meliaceae (Mahogany Family)	West Tropical Africa	Irritant, Sensitizer, Nasopharyngeal Cancer (rare)	Skin, Lungs
African Mahogany	Khaya grandifoliola	Meliaceae (Mahogany Family)	West Tropical Africa	Irritant, Sensitizer, Nasopharyngeal Cancer (rare)	Skin, Lungs
African Mahogany	Khaya ivorensis	Meliaceae (Mahogany Family)	West Tropical Africa	Irritant, Sensitizer, Nasopharyngeal Cancer (rare)	Skin, Lungs
African Mahogany	Khaya senegalensis	Meliaceae (Mahogany Family)	West Tropical Africa	Irritant, Sensitizer, Nasopharyngeal Cancer (rare)	Skin, Lungs
African Mesquite	Prosopis africana	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Tropical Africa	Irritant	Skin
African Padauk, Vermillion	Pterocarpus soyauxii	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Central and Tropical Africa	Asthma, Irritant, Nausea, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
African Walnut	Lovoa trichilioides	Meliaceae (Mahogany Family)	West Tropical Africa	Irritant, Nasopharyngeal Cancer (rare), Systemic Reaction	Skin, Eyes, Systemic
Afzelia, Doussie	Afzelia species	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Africa, Southeast Asia	Irritant, Sneezing	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Ailanthus, Tree of Heaven, Chinese Sumac	Ailanthus altissima	Sapindaceae (Soapberry Familly)	China, Cultivated Elsewhere	Irritant	Skin
Alaskan Yellow Cedar, Nootka Cypress	Cupressus nootkatensis	Cuppressaceae (Cypress Family)	Northwest coast of North America	Irritant	Skin
Albizia, Tanga Tanga	Albizia ferruginea	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Tropical Africa	Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye), Dizziness, Irritant, Nausea, Nosebleeds	Skin, Eyes, Lungs, Nasal, Head
Albizia, Tanga Tanga	Albizia versicolor	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Tropical Africa	Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye), Dizziness, Irritant, Nausea, Nosebleeds	Skin, Eyes, Lungs, Nasal, Head
Alligator Juniper	Juniperus deppeana	Cuppressaceae (Cypress Family)	Southwestern USA, Northern Mexico	Irritant	Skin, Lungs

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Amazon Rosewood	Dalbergia spruceana	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Brazil, Venezuela, Bolivia	Asthma, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Amboyna Burl	Pterocarpus indicus	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Andaman Islands	Asthma, Irritant, Nausea, Sensitizer	Skin, Lungs
Amboyna Burl	Pterocarpus macrocarpus	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Southeast Asia	Asthma, Irritant	
American Hornbeam, Blue Beech	Carpinus caroliniana	Betulaceae (Birch Family)	Eastern North America	Irritant	Skin
Andaman Padauk	Pterocarpus dalbergioides	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Andaman Islands	Asthma, Irritant, Nausea, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Andiroba	Carapa species	Meliaceae (Mahogany Family)	Central America, South America	Irritant, Sneezing	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Araracanga	Aspidosperma megalocarpon	Apocynaceae	Mexico, Central America, Northern South America	Asthma, Irritant	Skin, Lungs
Argentine Osage Orange, Fustic	Maclura tinctoria	Moraceae (Fig Family; Mulberry Family)	Tropical America	Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin
Aromatic Red Cedar, Eastern Red Cedar	Juniperus virginiana	Cuppressaceae (Cypress Family)	Eastern North America	Irritant	Skin, Lungs
Australian Blackwood, Tasmanian Blackwood, Acacia Blackwood	Acacia melanoxylon	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Tasmania, Southeast Australia, Widely Cultivated	Asthma, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Bigleaf Maple	Acer macrophyllum	Sapindaceae (Soapberry Familly)	Pacific Northwest of North America	Asthma, Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis (spalted woods), Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Lungs
Black Locust	Robinia pseudoacacia	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	North America	Irritant, Nausea	Skin, Eyes
Black Maple, Black Sugar Maple	Acer nigrum	Sapindaceae (Soapberry Familly)	Northeast USA	Asthma, Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis (spalted woods), Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Lungs
Black Mesquite	Prosopis nigra	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Gran Chaco Region of South America	Irritant	Skin

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Black Walnut	Juglans nigra	Juglandaceae (Walnut Family)	Eastern USA	Irritant, Sensitizer, Nasopharyngeal Cancer (rare)	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Black Willow	Salix nigra	Salicaceae (Willow Family)	Eastern USA	Irritant, Nasopharyngeal Cancer (rare), Nausea, Sensitizer	Lungs, Nasal
Bloodwood	Brosimum rubescens	Moraceae (Fig Family; Mulberry Family)	Tropical South America	Irritant, Nausea, Salivation, Thirst (excessive)	Skin, Head, Gastro- intestinal
Blue Gum, Tasmanian Blue Gum	Eucalyptus globulus	Myrtaceae (Myrtle Family)	Tasmania, Southern Australia, Cultivated in Plantations	Irritant	Skin
Blue Mahoe	Talipariti elatum	Malvaceae (Mallow Family)	Cuba, Jamaica, Cultivated Elsewhere	Sneezing	Lungs, Nasal
Bocote	Cordia species	Boraginaceae	Mexico, Central America, South America	Irritant, Sensitizer (Cross reactivity to other woods)	Skin
Bois de Rose	Dalbergia maritima	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Madagascar	Asthma, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Bosse, Guarea	Guarea cedrata	Meliaceae (Mahogany Family)	West and Central Africa	Asthma, Headache, Irritant, Nausea, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs, Head
Bosse, Guarea	Guarea thompsonii	Meliaceae (Mahogany Family)	West and Central Africa	Asthma, Headache, Irritant, Nausea, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs, Head
Box Elder, Boxelder Maple, Manitoba Maple, Ash-leaved Maple	Acer negundo	Sapindaceae (Soapberry Familly)	North America	Asthma, Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis (spalted woods), Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Lungs
Boxwood, Common Box, European Box	Buxus sempervirens	Buxaceae (Boxwood Family)	Europe, Northwest Africa, Southwest Asia	Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Brazilian Rosewood, Bahia Rosewood, Jacaranda	Dalbergia nigra	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Brazil	Asthma, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Brazilwood, Pernambuco	Caesalpinia echinata	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Brazil	Blisters, Headache, Irritant, Nausea, Swelling Skin	Skin, Head, Gastro- intestinal

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Brown Ebony, Guayacan	Caesalpinia granadillo	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	South America	Irritant	Skin
Brown Ebony, Guayacan	Caesalpinia paraguariensis	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	South America	Irritant	Skin
Brown Ebony, Guayacan	Caesalpinia pluviosa	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	South America	Irritant	Skin
Brownheart, Wacapou	Vouacapoua americana	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Northeast South America	Irritant	Skin
Bubinga, Kavazingo	Guibourtia demeusei	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Equatorial Africa	Irritant, Skin Lesion	Skin
Bubinga, Kavazingo	Guibourtia pellegriniana	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Equatorial Africa	Irritant, Skin Lesion	Skin
Bubinga, Kavazingo	Guibourtia tessmannii	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Equatorial Africa	Irritant, Skin Lesion	Skin
Buckthorn	Rhamnus species	Rhamnaceae (Buckthorn Family)	Northern Hemisphere	Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin
Burma Padauk	Pterocarpus macrocarpus	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Myanmar and Thailand	Asthma, Irritant	Skin, Lungs
Burmese Blackwood	Dalbergia cultrata	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Southeast Asia	Asthma, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Burmese Rosewood	Dalbergia oliveri	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Myanmar, Southeast Asia	Asthma, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Camphor, Camphor Laurel	Cinnamomum camphora	Lauraceae (Laurel Family)	Southeast Asia, Widely Cultivated	Asthma, Dizziness, Headaches, Irritant	Skin, Lungs, Head
Cedar of Lebanon	Cedrus libani	Pinaceae (Pine Family)	Mediterranean	Irritant	Skin, Lungs
Ceylon Ebony	Diospyros ebenum	Ebenaceae (Ebony Family)	Southeast Asia	Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye), Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Chechen, Chechem, Black Poisonwood, Caribbean Rosewood	Metopium brownei	Anacardiaceae (Cashew Family)	Caribbean, Southeast Mexico, Central America	Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Chico Zapote, Zapote, Sapodilla	Manilkara zapota	Sapotaceae (Milkwood Family)	Southern Mexico, Central America	Irritant	Nasal
Chinaberry	Melia azedarach	Meliaceae (Mahogany Family)	Southern Asia, Australia, Oceana	Headache, Irritant	Skin, Lungs, Head

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Cocobolo, Cocobola, Cocabola	Dalbergia retusa	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Central America	Asthma, Irritant, Nausea, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs, Gastro-intestinal
Cocuswood, Jamaican Ebony	Brya ebenus	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Caribbean	Irritant	Skin
Coolibah, Collibah Burl	Eucalyptus coolabah	Myrtaceae (Myrtle Family)	Australia	Irritant	Skin
Coolibah, Collibah Burl	Eucalyptus microtheca	Myrtaceae (Myrtle Family)	Australia	Irritant	Skin
Cuban Mahogany, West Indies Mahogany	Swietenia mahogani	Meliaceae (Mahogany Family)	Southern Florida, Caribbean	Irritant	Skin
Desert Ironwood	Olneya tesota	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Southwest USA, Northwest Mexico	Coughing, Irritant, Sneezing	Lungs, Nasal
Douglas Fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii	Pinaceae (Pine Family)	Western North America	Dizziness, Irritant, Nausea, Runny Nose, Septic Wounds (splinters)	Skin, Lungs, Nasal, Head, Gastro- intestinal
East Indian Rosewood, Indian Rosewood	Dalbergia latifolia	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia	Asthma, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
East Indian Satinwood, Ceylon Satinwood	Chloroxylon swietenia	Rutaceae (Citrus Family)	Central and Southern India, Sri Lanka	Headache, Irritant, Intestinal Disorders, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs, Gastro-intestinal
English Walnut	Juglans regia	Juglandaceae (Walnut Family)	Eastern Europe and Western Asia	Irritant, Nasopharyngeal Cancer (rare)	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
European Beech	Fagus sylvatica	Fagaceae (Beech Family)	Europe	Irritant, Sensitizer, Nasopharyngeal Cancer (rare)	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
European Hornbeam, Common Hornbeam	Carpinus betulus	Betulaceae (Birch Family)	Europe, Western Asia	Irritant	Skin
European Yew, Common Yew	Taxus baccata	Taxaceae (Yew Family)	Europe, Southwest Asia	Direct Toxin! Cardiac Effects, Headache, Irritant, Nausea	Skin, Lungs, Head, Heart, Eyes
Field Maple, Hedge Maple	Acer campestre	Sapindaceae (Soapberry Familly)	Europe	Asthma, Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis (spalted woods), Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Lungs

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Freijo	Cordia alliodora	Boraginaceae	Southern Mexico to Brazil	Irritant, Sensitizer, Thirst	Skin, Gastro- intestinal
Freijo	Cordia goeldiana	Boraginaceae	Southern Mexico to Brazil	Irritant, Sensitizer, Thirst	Skin, Gastro- intestinal
Goncalo Alves, Tigerwood, Jobillo	Astronium gaveolens	Anacardiaceae (Cashew Family)	Mexico, South America	Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes
Gowen Cypress	Cupressus goveniana	Cuppressaceae (Cypress Family)	USA, California Coast	Irritant	Skin
Greenheart	Chlorocardium rodiei	Lauraceae (Laurel Family)	Northeast South America	Irritant, Wheezing, Septic Wounds (splinters), Cardiac Disorders, Intestinal Disorders	Skin, Lungs, Heart, Eyes, Throat, Gastro- intestinal
Guanacaste, Parota	Enterolobium cyclocarpum	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Mexico, Central America, Northern South America	Irritant	Eyes, Lungs
Hackberry	Celtis laevigata	Cannabaceae (Hemp Family)	Eastern North America	Irritant	Skin
Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	Cannabaceae (Hemp Family)	Eastern North America	Irritant	Skin
Hard Maple, Sugar Maple, Rock Maple	Acer saccharum	Sapindaceae (Soapberry Familly)	Northeast North America	Asthma, Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis (spalted woods), Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Lungs
Honduran Mahogany, Honduras Mahogany, American Mahogany, Genuine Mahogany, Big-Leaf Mahogany, Brazilian Mahogany	Swietenia macrophylla	Meliaceae (Mahogany Family)	Southern Mexico to Central South America; Widely Cultivated in Plantations	Asthma, Boils, Dizziness, Extrinsic Allergic Aveolitis, Irritant, Nausea, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs, Gastro-intestinal
Honduran Rosewood, Honduras Rosewood	Dalbergia stevensonii	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Belize	Asthma, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Honey Mesquite	Prosopis glandulosa	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Southwest North America	Irritant	Skin
Hophornbeam, American Ironwood	Ostrya virginiana	Betulaceae (Birch Family)	Eastern North America	Irritant	Skin
Huon Pine, Rimu, New Zealand Red Pine	Dacrydium spp	Podocarpaceae (Podocarp Family)	Australia, New Zealand, SE Asia	Irritant	Skin, Eyes

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Huon Pine, Rimu, New Zealand Red Pine	Lagarostrobos franklinii	Podocarpaceae (Podocarp Family)	Australia, New Zealand, SE Asia	Irritant	Skin, Eyes
Imbuia, Embuya, Brazilian Walnut	Ocotea porosa	Lauraceae (Laurel Family)	Southern Brazil	Irritant	Skin, Lungs
Indian Laurel	Terminalia elliptica	Combretacaceae (White Mangrove Family)	Southern Asia	Irritant	Skin
Ipe, Brazilian Walnut, Lapacho	Handroanthus species	Bignoniaceae	Tropical Americas, Cultivated in Plantations	Asthma, Headache, Irritant	Skin, Eyes, Lungs, Head
Iroko	Milicia excelsa	Moraceae (Fig Family; Mulberry Family)	Tropical Africa	Asthma, Boils, Dizziness, Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Iroko	Milicia regia	Moraceae (Fig Family; Mulberry Family)	Tropical Africa	Asthma, Boils, Dizziness, Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Itin, Cranda	Prosopis kuntzei	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Gran Chaco Region of South America	Irritant	Skin
Jarrah	Eucalyptus marginata	Myrtaceae (Myrtle Family)	Australia	Irritant	Eyes, Lungs
Jatoba, Brazilian Cherry	Hymenaea courbarii	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Southern Mexico, Central America, Northern South America, Caribbean	Irritant	Skin
Katalox, Mexican Royal Ebony	Swartzia cubensis	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Southern Mexico, Central America, Northern South America	Irritant	Skin, Lungs
Kingwood	Dalbergia cearensis	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Brazil	Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye), Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Laburnum, Golden Chain	Laburnum anagyroides	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Central and Southern Europe	Direct Toxin! Headache, Nausea, Vomiting	Head, Gastro- intestinal
Lacewood	Panopsis sessilifolia	Proteaceae (Protea Family)	Tropical South America	Irritant	Skin

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Lacewood, Brazilian Lacewood, South American Lacewood	Panopsis rubescens	Proteaceae (Protea Family)	Tropical South America	Irritant	Skin
Leadwood	Combretum imberbe	Combretacaceae (White Mangrove Family)	Southern Africa to Tanzania	Irritant	Skin
Lebbeck, Kokko	Albizia lebbeck	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	South Asia, Widely Cultivated	Irritant	Eyes, Lungs
Leyland Cypress	Cupressus X leylandii	Cuppressaceae (Cypress Family)	United Kingdom (cultivated hybrid)	Irritant	Skin
Lignum Vitae	Guaiacum officinale	Zygophyllaceae (Caltrop Family)	Central America, N South America	Irritant	Skin
Lignum Vitae	Guaiacum sanctum	Zygophyllaceae (Caltrop Family)	Central America, N South America	Irritant	Skin
Limba, Black Limba, White Limba, Korina, Afara	Terminalia superba	Combretacaceae (White Mangrove Family)	Tropical Western Africa	Asthma, Hives, Irritant, Nosebleed (or bleeding gums), Septic Wounds (splinters)	Skin, Lungs, Head
Macassar Ebony	Diospyros celebica	Ebenaceae (Ebony Family)	SE Asia	Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin
Madagascar Rosewood, Palisander	Dalbergia baronii	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Madagascar	Asthma, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Madagascar Rosewood, Palisander	Dalbergia greveana	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Madagascar	Asthma, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Madagascar Rosewood, Palisander	Dalbergia madagascariensis	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Madagascar	Asthma, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Madagascar Rosewood, Palisander	Dalbergia monticola	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Madagascar	Asthma, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Makore	Tieghemella africana	Sapotaceae (Milkwood Family)	Western and Central Africa	Blood Disorders, Dizziness, Headache, Irritant, Nausea, Nervous System Disorders	Skin, Eyes, Lungs, Gastro-intestinal, Head
Makore	Tieghemella heckelii	Sapotaceae (Milkwood Family)	Western and Central Africa	Blood Disorders, Dizziness, Headache, Irritant, Nausea, Nervous System Disorders	Skin, Eyes, Lungs, Gastro-intestinal, Head

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Mango, Hawaiian Mango	Mangifera indica	Anacardiaceae (Cashew Family)	Tropical Asia, Oceana	Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin
Mansonia	Mansonia altissima	Malvaceae (Mallow Family)	Western Tropical Africa	Asthma, Cardiac Disorders, Dizziness, Headache, Irritant, Nausea, Nosebleed, Sensitizer, Septic Wounds (splinters)	Skin, Eyes, Lungs, Heart, Head, Gastro- Intestinal
Mediterranean Cypress	Cupressus sempervirens	Cuppressaceae (Cypress Family)	Eastern Mediterranean	Headache, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Head
Merbau	Intsia bijuga	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	East Africa to Southeast Asia and Australia	Irritant	Skin, Lungs
Merbau	Intsia palebanica	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	East Africa to Southeast Asia and Australia	Irritant	Skin, Lungs
Mesquite	Prosopis juliflora	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Mexico, Central America, South America	Irritant	Skin
Mexican Cypress, Cedar of Goa	Cupressus lusitanica	Cuppressaceae (Cypress Family)	Mexico, Central America; Cultivated elsewhere	Irritant	Skin
Moabi	Baillonella toxisperma	Sapotaceae (Milkwood Family)	Equatorial Africa	Irritant	Eyes, Nasal, Lungs
Monterey Cypress	Cupressus macrocarpa	Cuppressaceae (Cypress Family)	California Coast of USA, Cultivated in North America and UK	Irritant	Skin
Mora	Mora excelsa	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	NE South America	Irritant	Lungs
Mora	Mora gonggrijpii	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	NE South America	Irritant	Lungs
Mountain Ash, Victorian Ash	Eucalyptus regnans	Myrtaceae (Myrtle Family)	Southeastern Australia, Cultivated in Plantations	Irritant	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Muninga, Kiaat, Mukwa	Pterocarpus angolensis	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	South-central Africa	Asthma, Bronchitis, Irritant	Skin, Lungs

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Myrtle, Oregon Myrtle	Umbellularia californica	Lauraceae (Laurel Family)	Coast Regions of USA: Southwest Oregon, Central California	Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Lungs
Narra	Pterocarpus indicus	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Southeast Asia	Asthma, Irritant	Skin, Lungs
Northern Silky Oak, Australian Lacewood	Cardwellia sublimis	Proteaceae (Protea Family)	Australia (Queensland)	Irritant	Skin
Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	Sapindaceae (Soapberry Familly)	Europe, Western Asia, Widely Cultivated in North America	Asthma, Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis (spalted woods), Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Lungs
Oaks (300 to 600 species)	Quercus species	Fagaceae (Beech Family)	Northern Hemisphere	Asthma, Irritant, Nasopharyngeal Cancer (rare), Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Olive	Olea species	Oleaceae	Europe, Eastern Africa, Southern Africa	Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Osage Orange, Horse Apple, Hedge Apple, Bois d'Arc	Maclura pomifera	Moraceae (Fig Family; Mulberry Family)	South-Central USA	Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin
Pacific Yew, Oregon Yew	Taxus brevifolia	Taxaceae (Yew Family)	Pacific Northwest of North America	Direct Toxin! Cardiac Effects, Headache, Irritant, Nausea	Skin, Lungs, Head, Heart, Eyes
Partridgewood, Angelim	Andira inermis	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Southern Mexico to Northern South America	Coughing, Hives, Irritant	Skin, Lungs
Pau Ferro, Morado, Bolivian Rosewood, Santos Rosewood	Machaerium scleroxylon	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Tropical South America (Bolivia, Brazil)	Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes
Pau Rosa	Bobgunnia fisuloides	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	African Rainforests	Irritant	Skin
Pau Rosa	Bobgunnia madagascariensis	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	African Rainforests	Irritant	Skin
Pau Santo, Brazilian Blackheart	Zollernia species	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Brazil	Irritant	Skin

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Peroba Rosa	Aspidosperma polyneuron	Apocynaceae	Brazil, Argentina	Asthma, Irritant, Nausea, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs, Head, Gastro- intestinal
Persimmon, White Ebony	Diospyros virginiana	Ebenaceae (Ebony Family)	Eastern USA	Irritant	Skin
Pheasantwood	Senna siamea	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Southeast Asia, Widely Cultivated elsewhere	Irritant, Skin Discoloration	Skin, Eyes
Pistachio	Pistacia vera	Anacardiaceae (Cashew Family)	Iran, Widely Cultivated in Mediterranean Climates	Irritant	Skin
Poplar, Tulip Poplar, Yellow Poplar	Liriodendron tulipifera	Magnoliaceae (Magnolia Family)	Eastern USA	Asthma, Blisters, Bronchitis, Irritant	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Purpleheart, Amaranth	Peltogyne species	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Mexico, Central America, South America	irritant, Nausea, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Gastro- intestinal
Qeubracho, Quebracho Colorado, Red Quebracho	Schinopsis balansae	Anacardiaceae (Cashew Family)	Tropical South America	Irritant, Nasopharyngeal Cancer (rare), Nausea	Lungs, Nasal
Qeubracho, Quebracho Colorado, Red Quebracho	Schinopsis brasiliensis	Anacardiaceae (Cashew Family)	Tropical South America	Irritant, Nasopharyngeal Cancer (rare), Nausea	Lungs, Nasal
Qeubracho, Quebracho Colorado, Red Quebracho	Schinopsis lorentzii	Anacardiaceae (Cashew Family)	Tropical South America	Irritant, Nasopharyngeal Cancer (rare), Nausea	Lungs, Nasal
Qeubracho, Quebracho Colorado, Red Quebracho	Schinopsis quebracho- colorado	Anacardiaceae (Cashew Family)	Tropical South America	Irritant, Nasopharyngeal Cancer (rare), Nausea	Lungs, Nasal
Queensland Maple	Flindersia brayleyna	Rutaceae (Citrus Family)	Australia (Northern Queensland)	Irritant	Skin, Lungs
Quina	Myroxylon peruiferum	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Southern Mexico, Central, America, South America	Irritant	Skin, Lungs
Ramin	Gonostylus species	Thymelaeaceae (Daphne Family)	Southeast Asia	Asthma, Irritant, Septic Wounds (splinters)	Skin, Eyes, Lungs

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Red Maple	Acer rubrum	Sapindaceae (Soapberry Familly)	Eastern North America	Asthma, Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis (spalted woods), Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Lungs
Redwood, Sequoia, Coast Redwood, California Redwood, Vavona (burl)	Sequoia sempervirens	Cuppressaceae (Cypress Family)	West coast of USA	Asthma, Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis, Irritant, Nasopharyngeal Cancer (rare), Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Rengas, Borneo Rosewood, Tiger Rengas	Gluta species	Anacardiaceae (Cashew Family)	India to Papua New Guinea	Fever, Irritant, Blisters, Ulcers, General Symptoms	Skin, Systemic
Rengas, Borneo Rosewood, Tiger Rengas	Melanorrhoea species	Anacardiaceae (Cashew Family)	India to Papua New Guinea	Blisters, Fever, Irritant, Systemic Effects, Ulcers	Skin, Systemic
Rhodesian Teak, Zambesi Redwood	Baikiaea plurijuga	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Southern Africa, Zimbabwe	Irritant	Lungs
Sapele, Saplelli, Sapell	Entandrophragma cylindricum	Meliaceae (Mahogany Family)	Tropical Africa	Irritant, Sneezing	Skin, Lungs
Siamese Rosewood, Vietnamese Rosewood, Thailand Rosewood, Cambodian Rosewood	Dalbergia cochinchinensis	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos	Asthma, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Silver Maple	Acer saccharinum	Sapindaceae (Soapberry Familly)	Northeastern USA	Asthma, Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis (spalted woods), Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Lungs
Sissoo, Sheesham	Dalbergia sissoo	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Northern India, Nepal, Pakistan, Western Asia, Widely Cultivated	Asthma, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs
Snakewood	Brosimum guianense	Moraceae (Fig Family; Mulberry Family)	Northeast South America (coast regions)	Irritant	Skin, Lungs
Sneezewood	Ptaeroxylon obliquum	Rutaceae (Citrus Family)	Southern Africa	Irritant	Lungs

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Southern Silky Oak	Grevillea robusta	Proteaceae (Protea Family)	Australia (East Coast); Cultivated elsewhere	Blisters, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Systemic
Striped Maple	Acer pensylvanicum	Sapindaceae (Soapberry Familly)	Eastern North America	Asthma, Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis (spalted woods), Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Lungs
Sumac, Staghorn Sumac	Rhus species	Anacardiaceae (Cashew Family)	Northeast USA	Blisters, Irritant	Skin
Sweetgum	Liquidambar styraciflua	Altiinginaceae (Sweetgum Family)	Southeast USA	Irritant	Skin
Sycamore Maple, European Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus	Sapindaceae (Soapberry Familly)	Europe, Southwest Asia	Asthma, Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis (spalted woods), Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Lungs
Tambootie (Tambuti, Tambotie), Sandalo	Spirostachys africana	Euphorbiaceae (Spurge Family)	Southern Africa	Direct Toxin! Blindness, Gastro-intestinal Disorders, Irritant	Skin, Eyes, Gastro- intestinal
Tasmanian Myrtle	Nothofagus cunninghamii	Nothofagaceae (Southern Beech Family)	Southeast Australia and New Zealand	Irritant	Eyes, Lungs
Tatajuba	Bagassa guianensis	Moraceae (Fig Family; Mulberry Family)	Northeast South America	Irritant	Skin
Teak, Burmese Teak	Tectona grandis	Lamiaceae	Southern Asia, Cultivated in Plantations	Asthma, Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye) Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis (spalted woods), Irritant, Nausea, Sensitizer, Vision Disorders	Skin, Eyes, Lungs, Gastro-intestinal
Thuya (burl)	Tetraclinis articulata	Cuppressaceae (Cypress Family)	Mediterranean (Atlas Mountains)	Irritant	Skin, Eyes
Tulipwood, Brazilian Tulipwood	Dalbergia decipularis	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Northeast Brazil	Asthma, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs

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Tzalam, Caribbean Walnut, Sabicu, False Tamarind	Lysiloma bahamense	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Mexico, Central America	Runny Nose	Nasal
Tzalam, Caribbean Walnut, Sabicu, False Tamarind	Lysiloma latisiliquum	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Mexico, Central America	Runny Nose	Nasal
Utile, Sipo, Sipo Mahogany	Entandrophragma utile	Meliaceae (Mahogany Family)	West and Central Africa	Irritant	Skin
Verawood	Bulnesia arborea	Zygophyllaceae (Caltrop Family)	Central America, Northern South America	Sneezing	Nasal, Lungs
Verawood	Bulnesia sarmientoi	Zygophyllaceae (Caltrop Family)	Central America, Northern South America	Sneezing	Nasal, Lungs
Wamara, Guyana Rosewood	Swartzia benthamiana	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Southern Mexico, Central America, Northern South America	Irritant	Skin, Lungs
Wamara, Guyana Rosewood	Swartzia leiocalycina	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Southern Mexico, Central America, Northern South America	Irritant	Skin, Lungs
Wenge	Millettia laurentii	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Central Africa	Gastro-intestinal Disorders, Irritant, Nervous System Disorders, Sensitizer, Septic Wounds (splinters)	Skin, Eyes, Lungs, Head, Gastro- intestinal
West Indian Satinwood	Zanthoxylum flavum	Rutaceae (Citrus Family)	Caribbean	Blisters, Gastro-intestinal Disorders, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin
Yellowheart, Pau Amarello	Euxylophora paraensis	Rutaceae (Citrus Family)	Brazil	Irritant	Skin
Yucatan Rosewood, Panama Rosewood, Nicaraguan Rosewood	Dalbergia tucurensis	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	Central and South America	Asthma, Irritant, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs

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Zebrawood, Zebrano	Microberlinia brazzavillensis	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	West Africa	Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes
Ziricote	Cordia dodecandra	Boraginaceae	Mexico, Central America	Irritant, Sensitizer, Cross reactivity to other woods	Skin
Zitan, Red Sandalwood, Red Sanders	Pterocarpus santalinus	Fabaceae (Legume Family)	SE India	Asthma, Irritant, Nausea, Sensitizer	Skin, Eyes, Lungs