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# The Real Wood Bible: The Complete Illustrated Guide To Choosing And Using 100 Decorative Woods





## Synopsis

A practical and inspiring A-Z guide to the world's most popular woods. Many of the world's most beautiful and useful woods are in serious decline due to over-harvesting and environmental degradation. This updated edition of The Real Wood Bible gives the current sustainability status of these rare and important woods. Wood is a favored building material because of availability, ease to cut and join, decorative properties, functionality, flexibility, and a favorable strength-to-weight ratio. The Real Wood Bible is a comprehensive handbook for anyone who works with wood...or is planning to. Woodworkers, crafters, carpenters, and interior designers will find extensive information about the woods they regularly use as well as discover some new ones. This colorful, easy-to-use book features: How trees are converted into boards and veneers How to convert your own trees into boards Woods that incorporate beautiful natural effects A list of woods available from sustainable sources Useful advice on buying and storing lumber. An extensive and illustrated A-Z guide to the world's most popular woods is the heart of this book. Each wood is shown with a color illustration demonstrating the true look and beauty of the finished and unfinished grain. A special section on sustainability is included, with an introduction to key conservation issues. The Real Wood Bible is the essential reference for the appreciation of the practical beauty of the world's most popular building material.

### **Book Information**

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confidence to wander through wood stores with a great variety of produt and make knowledgeable selections. It not only broadens my knowledgeable base but gives me a broader platform of products to knowledgably choose from to match different project in my wood shop. This helpful puppy is alwawys within reach on my bookshelf with all the plans collected over the years just waiting to be done.

This is an interesting read. Many types of wood are shown with a lot of facts about the different species. It will help to determine what species may be good for a particular project. I will count it among my most important woodworking reference books.

I have other book name WOOD Identification and Use book. I was not sure which one is best so I end up buy both. Both book are very good. I go ahead put both in here for you if you not sure which one book is best for you. Both book are same size but Wood Bible word are big than WOOD book. Wood Bible only have 100 wood list while WOOD have over 200 wood list. Wood Bible show large image of wood than WOOD but WOOD show tree, leaf, nut or fruit while Wood Bible not show it. If your budget are not limit then get both book. If you only can get one... get both anyways... go for cheaper used book. Wood Bible is good book.

Good reference book. I think the different kinds of wood that a wood worker actually buys, this book would cover. Descriptions are good and the images help in the descriptions. For this I give it 3\*\*\*.

This is my first book on wood identification. As others have said, end grain pictures with magnified close ups would make it a much more useful manual. I'm sure it will help but I'll be buying one with end grain pics. There is a lot of good info in this book so not a waste of money by any means.

Only the most basic info is included in this book. To call it the "bible" is to grossly exaggerate the extent and value of the contents. For each of the included woods, there is a picture and a series of comments about the wood. I was expecting this to include some reference information like rates of shrinkage, hardness, etc. There is indeed a header called "hardness". And the kind of info you get looks like this: "Hardness: hard". Duh. This book is a total waste for anything but a coffee table book for those who might be interested in some of the more exotic woods from around the world. As a useful book for anything but a total beginning woodworker, it's nearly worthless. You could just as easily get more info just doing a google search online.

here is a real book for wood lovers . The photos are well precise and cleverly parted diagonally by two (natural hue and tinted) it gives a remarkable idea of the wood. There is also a plank with a cross section. really a good job. And also the explanations on the wood well documented.

Very good pictures. Would have been super if a pic of the tree wild in nature would show as well. I thought there would be more types of would displayed, like african blackwood. So a little disaponted.

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