



### Purple Heart

- **Common Name:** Purple Heart
- **Scientific Name:** Peltogyne spp.
- **General Information:** When freshly cut the heartwood of purpleheart can be a dull grayish/purplish brown. Upon exposure—usually within a few days—the wood becomes a deeper eggplant purple. With further age and exposure to UV light, the wood becomes a dark brown with a hint of purple.
- **Additional Information:** Purpleheart is rated as being very durable, and resists both decay and most insect attacks, though it has been reported to be susceptible to attack from marine borers.
- **Countries of Origin:** Central and South America
- **Countries Where It Can Be Forested:** Brazil, Guyana, Suriname
- **Janka Hardness:** Approximately 2,520 lbf
- **Common Uses for Furniture:** Flooring, furniture, inlays
- **Interior/Exterior Resistance:** Good for both interior and exterior
- **Termite/Bug Resistance:** High resistance
- **Source of Information:** [Wood Database](#)

