



Wenge

- **Common Name:** Wenge
- **Scientific Name:** *Millettia laurentii*
- **General Information:** Dark, dense wood with a distinctive grain pattern. However, unlike most other dark hardwoods, the heartwood of wenge can lighten (rather than darken) when exposed to sunlight.
- **Additional Information:** Often used as a substitute for ebony. Although severe reactions are quite uncommon, breathing wenge wood dust has been reported to cause central nervous system effects, abdominal cramps, irritation of the skin and eyes, and is also a sensitizer.
- **Countries of Origin:** Central Africa
- **Countries Where It Can Be Forested:** Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon
- **Janka Hardness:** Approximately 1,930 lbf
- **Common Uses for Furniture:** Flooring, musical instruments, veneer
- **Interior/Exterior Resistance:** Excellent interior resistance; moderate exterior use
- **Termite/Bug Resistance:** High resistance to insects
- **Source of Information:** [Wood Database](#)

