



Veneer Common Name: (Australian) Lacewood

Species: Cardwellia sublimis

Also known as: Australian Silky Oak

Source: Queensland, Australia

Availability: Available **Value:** Medium to Expensive



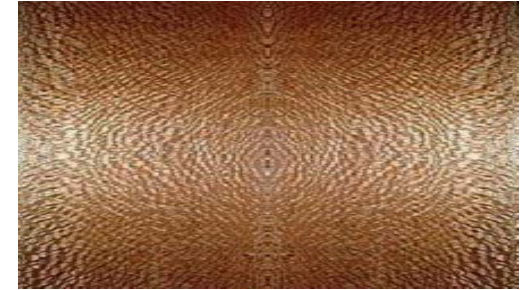
Description: Australian Lacewood, many times found with a distinctive flaky figure, can be a premium grade wood used for decorative surfaces. The figure is most dramatic when logs are quarter sliced. The result is a random flakey figure, which when carefully matched, displays interesting dramatic patterns.

A very coarse grain and open structure prevents this wood from taking on very high finishes. The grain character is best represented by low sheen, open pore finishes. By careful pattern matching, an interesting figure may develop (see above).



Uses: Decorative veneer suitable for surfaces of fine furniture, doors, casework, jewelry boxes, music boxes, etc. Coveted by fine woodworkers for many decades, this dramatic material can be manipulated to create outstanding patterns and rich character.

Slicing Specifics: When a section of the tree is identified (graded) to contain a decorative figure, the logs are cut into quartered sections lengthwise. The quartered sections are then cut on a slicer, on an angle perpendicular to the outside of the log. Slicing on this angle cuts through many large & small medullary rays (grain structure ribbons running perpendicular to annular growth rings) exposing the figure.



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