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## > Cherry, American



*Prunus serotina*

**Also known as:** American cherry, Black cherry, Cabinet cherry

<b>Wood type</b>	Hardwood
<b>Environmental</b>	Not listed in CITES. Believed available from well-managed sources. Check certification status with suppliers.
<b>Distribution</b>	Occurs in the deciduous forest areas from Ontario to Florida and from the Dakotas to Texas, but only in small quantities or as scattered trees.
<b>The Tree</b>	A medium-sized tree, 18m to 21m tall, with a diameter of 0.5m.
<b>The Timber</b>	The timber is hard, with a fine, straight, close grain, the heartwood varying in colour from reddish-brown to rich red, the narrow sapwood being pinkish. Fine, narrow, brown-coloured pith flecks, and small gum pockets are a common feature of the wood, which weighs about 580 kg/m <sup>3</sup> when dried.
<b>Working Qualities</b>	Good - It is moderately durable, works fairly easily, turns well, and takes an excellent polish.
<b>Durability</b>	Moderately durable
<b>Treatability</b>	No information
<b>Moisture Movement</b>	Medium
<b>Density (mean, Kg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	580
<b>Texture</b>	Fine
<b>Availability</b>	Limited
<b>Price</b>	Medium
<b>Use(s)</b>	Interior joinery, Furniture
<b>Colour(s)</b>	Reddish brown, Red