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Moraceae

Cacique Carey (Panama), Palo de oro (Venezuela), Burokoro, Tibicusi (Guyana), Letterhout (Surinam), Bois d'amourette (French Guiana), Gateado, Muirapenima (Brazil).

Guianas, Trinidad, and the Amazon region; a rare to occasional tree.

Unbuttressed small tree, up to 80 ft in height with trunk diameters of 12 to 20 in.; bole is cylindrical and clear for 40 to 50 ft.

Heartwood dark red to reddish brown with irregular radial black markings or with black vertical stripes alone or in conjunction with the speckles; sapwood very thick, yellowish white, line of demarcation often irregular and not very sharp. Luster medium to high; texture fine and uniform; grain straight; odorless and tasteless.

Basic specific gravity (green volume/oven-dry weight) 0.82 to 1.10; air-dry density 63 to 84 pcf.

No strength values available but reported to be a strong hardwood that splits rather easily, heartwood is rather brittle.

Should be dried carefully and in small pieces; shrinkage is reported to be rather high.

Works with difficulty because of hardness; turns well and takes a beautiful polish.

Heartwood very resistant to attack by decay fungi and dry-wood termites.

No information available.

Inlay, turnery, fancy handles for cutlery, violin bows, walking sticks, drum sticks, butts of fishing rods.

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