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WOOD ANATOMY OF CITES-LISTED TREE SPECIES

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SUMMARY

The wood anatomy of all currently CITES-listed angiosperm and conifer tree taxa is illustrated with low- to high-power magnification light micrographs. Their diagnostic wood features are presented in numerical codes taken from the IAWA Hardwood (1989) and Softwood (2004) Lists of microscopic features for wood identification. Features used are summarized in two appendices. These descriptions and illustrations can be used for genus identification when carefully compared with look-alike non-CITES-listed timbers illustrated and described in the InsideWood web-database or present in reference wood collections.

Key words: CITES-listed tree species, microscopic wood identification, hardwoods, softwoods.

INTRODUCTION AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Tree species whose international trade is restricted by CITES are listed in Table 1 (excluding palms and cycads). Gasson (2011, this issue) discusses the possibilities and limitations of wood anatomy in identifying these timbers. Here we present a microscopic atlas of the CITES-listed tree species together with coded descriptions, as an aid to their identification.

Plates are in alphabetical order by family with the hardwoods before the softwoods. The scientific name is followed by one or two common names and the CITES appendix in which the species is listed. Abbreviations in the plate captions are: TS = transverse section; TLS = tangential longitudinal section; RLS = radial longitudinal section; IVP = intervessel pits; VRP = vessel-ray parenchyma pits.

The numbers are from the “IAWA List of Microscopic Features for Hardwood Identification” (IAWA Committee 1989) and the “IAWA List of Microscopic Features for Softwood Identification” (IAWA Committee 2004). Only the anatomical features present are listed. Hardwood characters not included are those for element length and other quantitative features (28, 44, 51–55, 71–74, 123). Softwoods begin at feature 40, and again quantitative features have not been coded (features 49–52, 96, 112–114). See Appendices 1 and 2 for an explanation of the feature codes. A feature followed by a “v”

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Table 1. Tree species on CITES Appendices (d.d. October 2010), listed by genus name.

Hardwoods (Angiosperms)
<i>Aniba rosaeodora</i> (Lauraceae)
<i>Aquilaria</i> spp. (Thymelaeaceae)
<i>Balmea stormae</i> (Rubiaceae)
<i>Bulnesia sarmientoi</i> (Zygophyllaceae)
<i>Caesalpinia echinata</i> (Leguminosae)
<i>Caryocar costaricense</i> (Caryocaraceae)
<i>Cedrela fissilis</i> , <i>C. lilloi</i> (= <i>C. angustifolia</i>), <i>C. odorata</i> (Meliaceae)
<i>Dalbergia nigra</i> , <i>D. retusa</i> , <i>D. stevensonii</i> (Leguminosae)
<i>Dipteryx panamensis</i> (Leguminosae)
<i>Gonystylus</i> spp. (Thymelaeaceae)
<i>Guaiacum</i> spp. (Zygophyllaceae)
<i>Gyrinops</i> spp. (Thymelaeaceae)
<i>Magnolia liliifera</i> var. <i>obovata</i> (Magnoliaceae)
<i>Oreomunnea pterocarpa</i> (Juglandaceae)
<i>Pericopsis elata</i> (Leguminosae)
<i>Platymiscium pleiostachyum</i> (Leguminosae)
<i>Prunus africana</i> (Rosaceae)
<i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i> (Leguminosae)
<i>Swietenia humilis</i> , <i>S. macrophylla</i> , <i>S. mahagoni</i> (Meliaceae)
<i>Tetracentron sinense</i> (Trochodendraceae)
Softwoods (Gymnosperms)
<i>Abies guatemalensis</i> (Pinaceae)
<i>Araucaria araucana</i> (Araucariaceae)
<i>Fitzroya cupressoides</i> (Cupressaceae)
<i>Pilgerodendron uviferum</i> (Cupressaceae)
<i>Pinus koraiensis</i> (Pinaceae)
<i>Podocarpus neriifolius</i> , <i>P. parlatorei</i> (Podocarpaceae)
<i>Taxus chinensis</i> (= <i>T. wallichiana</i> var. <i>chinensis</i>), <i>T. cuspidata</i> , <i>T. fuana</i> , <i>T. sumatrana</i> , <i>T. wallichiana</i> (Taxaceae)

is a feature that is present in some samples of a species, but absent in others, shows a tendency toward that feature, or is rare. For example, a 9v indicates that a wood sample has mostly solitary vessels, but does not meet the criterion of >90 % solitary vessels, a 7v indicates that there is a tendency towards a diagonal/radial vessel arrangement, a 14v indicates that scalariform perforation plates are rare. For all species it should be appreciated that these descriptions in IAWA codes are based on examination of but a few samples and information from the literature, so the full range of variation in the species may not be represented. For the hardwood species, the references used to create or edit the InsideWood (2004-onwards) descriptions are given; this list is not all inclusive and additional information may be found by consulting Kew's Plant Micromorphology database (<http://kdb.kew.org/kdb/searchpage.do>). If you find errors in these descriptions, please contact the authors, so that the descriptions on InsideWood can be corrected. In addition to our observations, the softwood descriptions incorporate information from Greguss (1955), Heinz (2004), and Phillips (1948).

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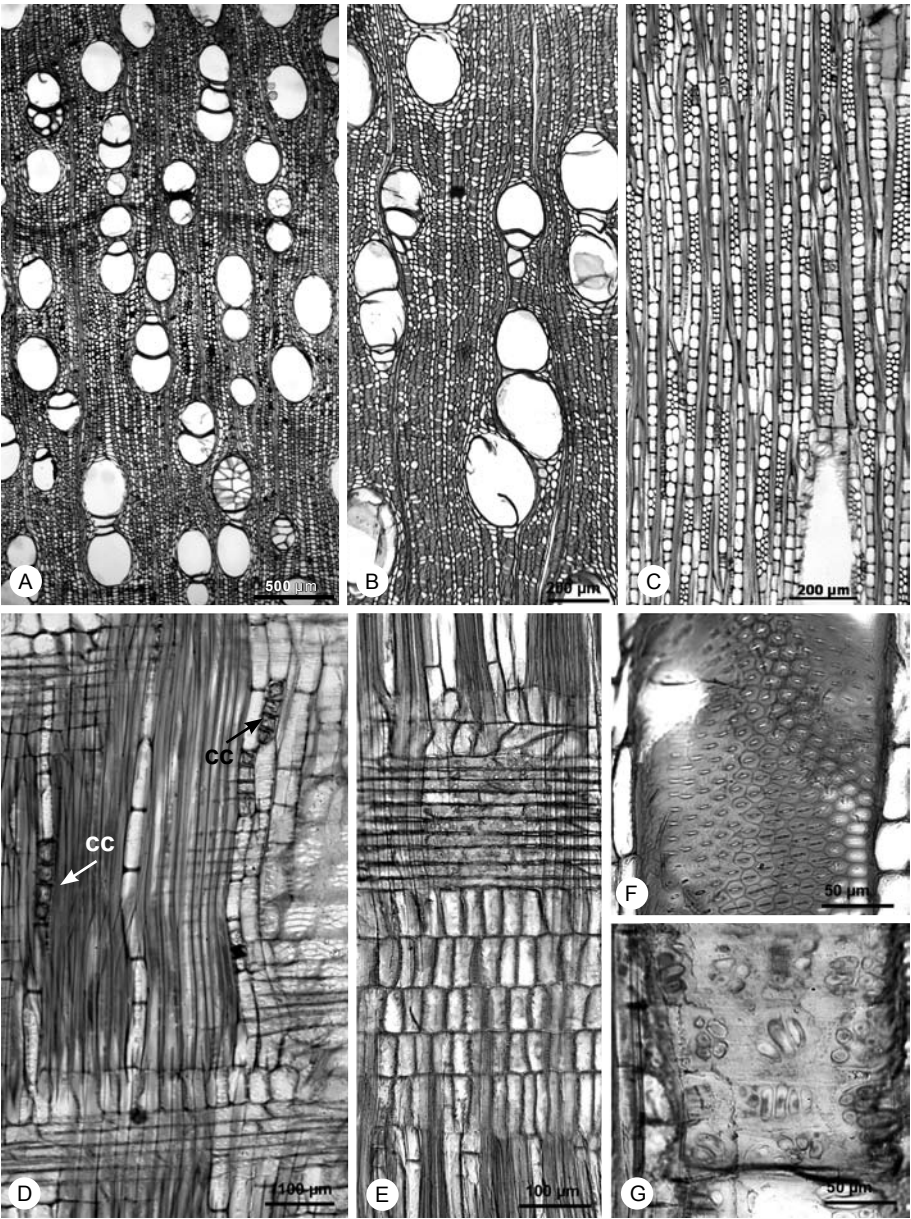


Figure 1. *Caryocar costaricense* Donn.Sm. (Caryocaraceae). Ajo, Cagui, Piquia (Kribs 1968). Appendix 2. — A, B: TS. — C: TLS. — D, E: RLS. — F: IVP. — G: VRP. — cc = chambered crystals.

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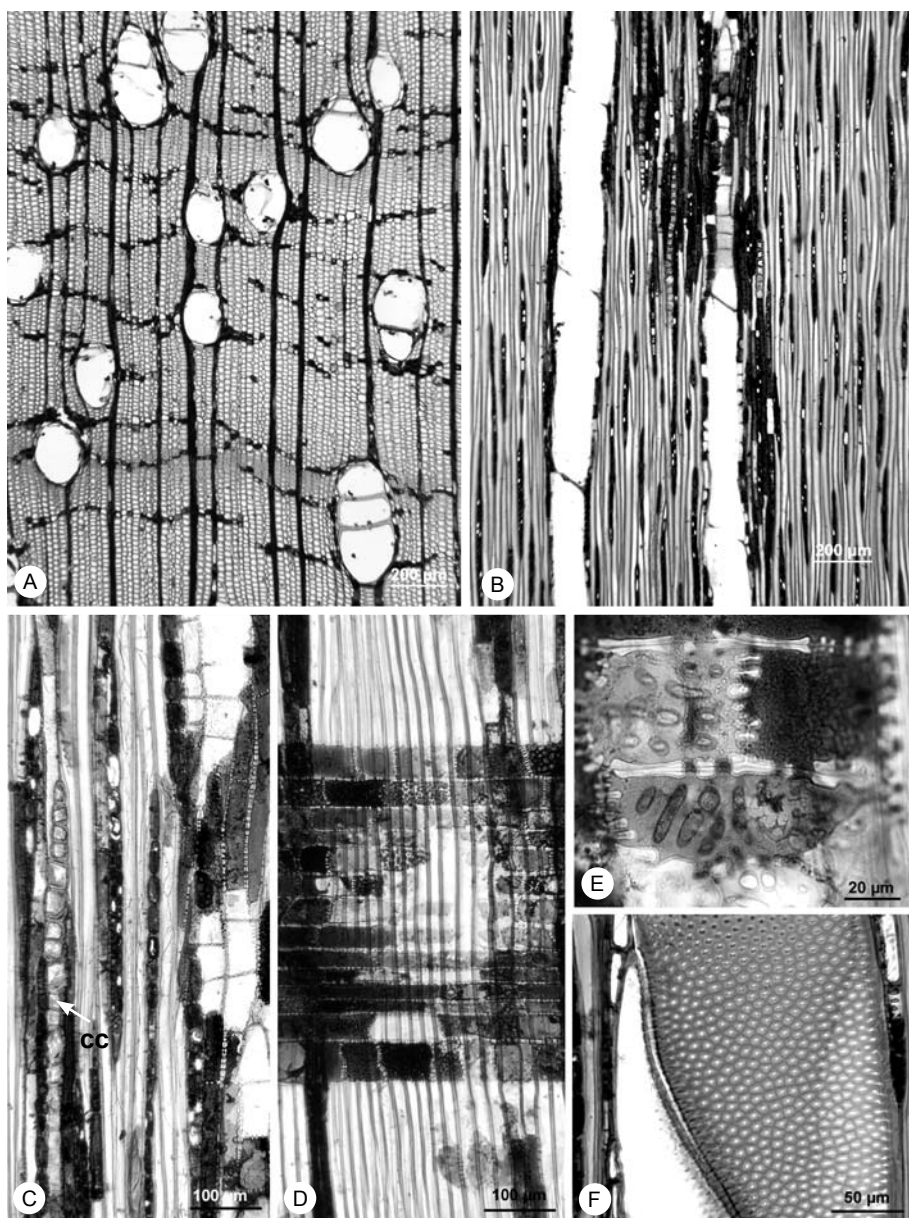


Figure 2. *Oreomunnea pterocarpa* Oerst. (Juglandaceae). Caribbean Walnut (Heimsch & Wetmore 1939; Manchester 1983). Appendix 2. — A: TS. — B, C: TLS. — D: RLS. — E: VRP. — F: IVP. — cc = chambered crystals.

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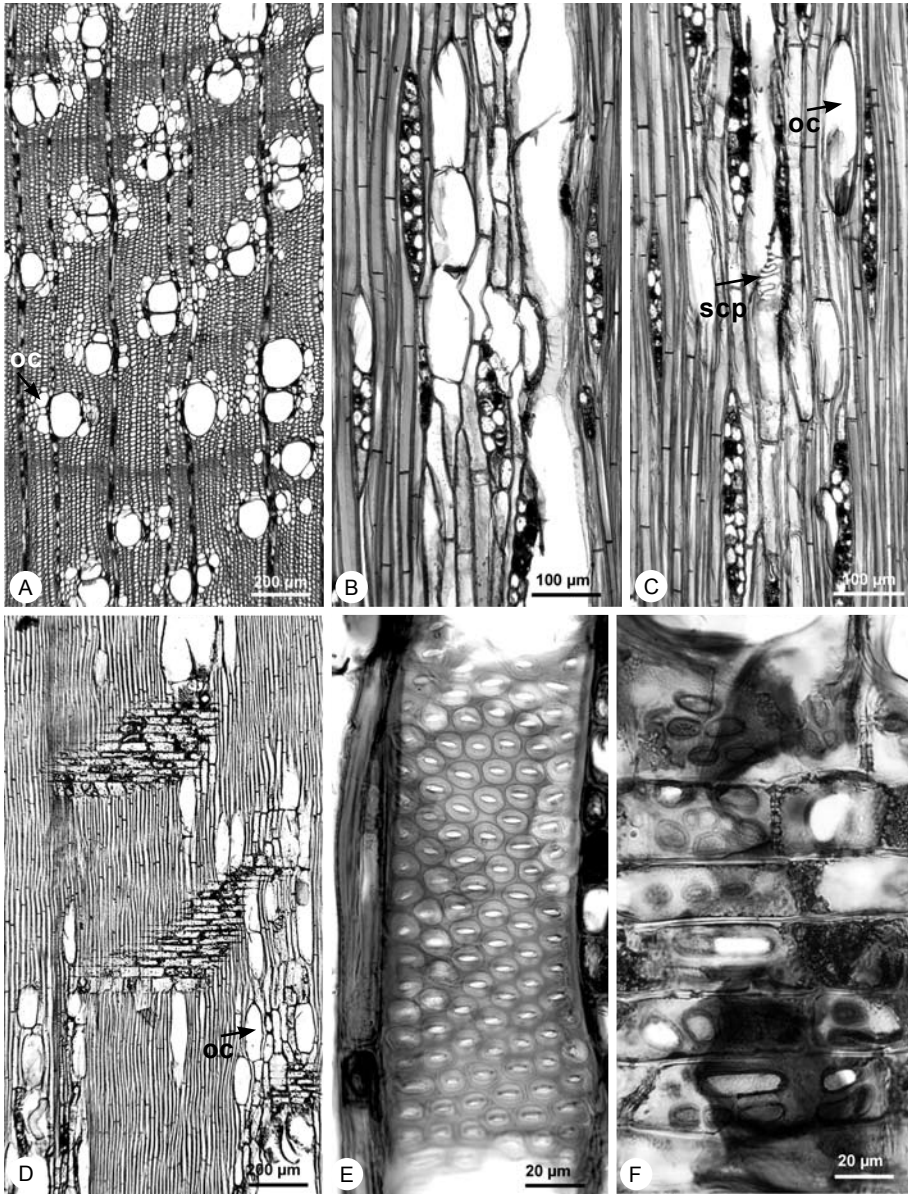


Figure 3. *Aniba rosaeodora* Ducke (Lauraceae). Bois de rose, Pau Rosa (Kribs 1968; Richter 1981). Appendix 2. — A: TS. — B, C: TLS. — D: RLS. — E: IVP. — F: VRP. — oc = oil cells; scp = scalariform perforation.

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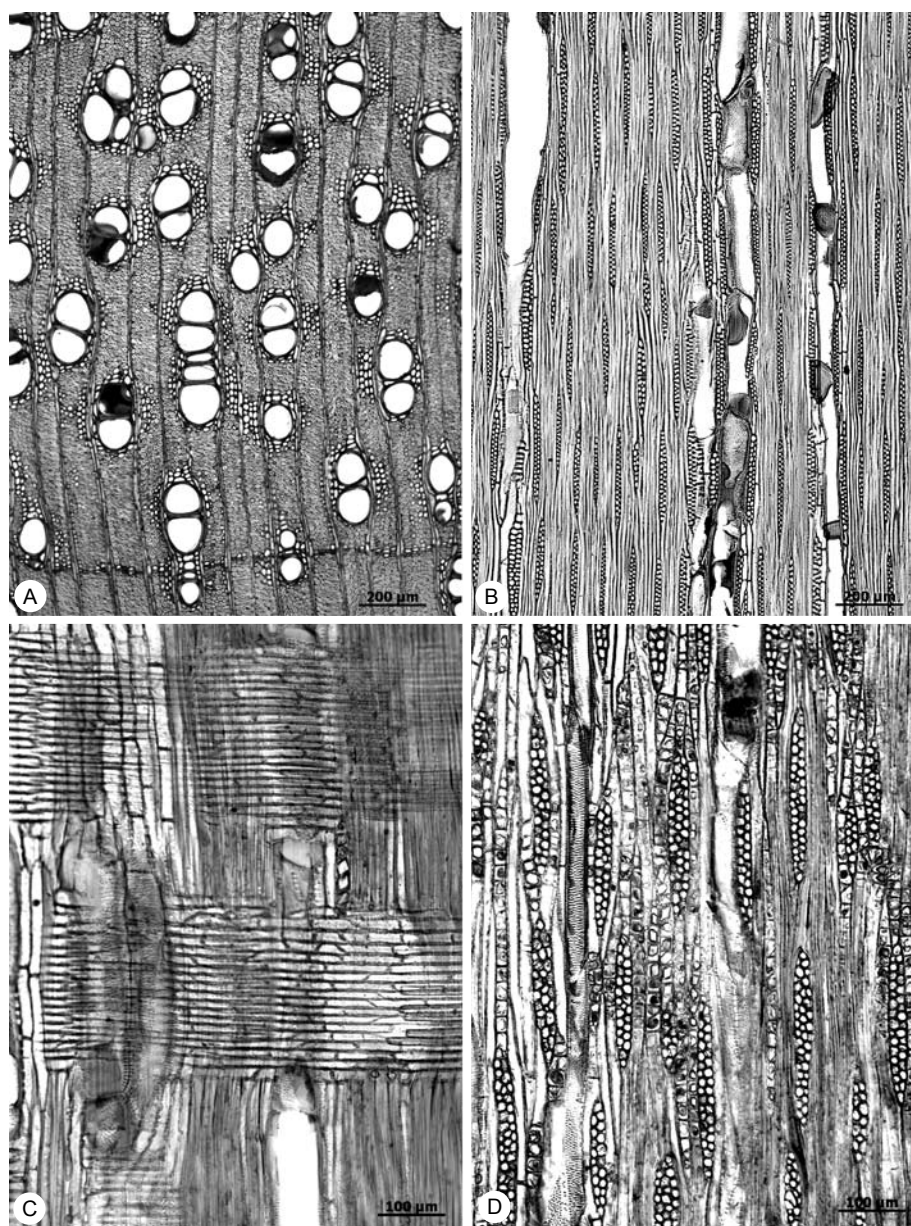


Figure 4. *Caesalpinia echinata* Lam. (Leguminosae, Caesalpinioideae). Brazilwood, Pernambuco (Brazier & Franklin 1961; Kribs 1968; Détienne & Jacquet 1983; Richter & Dallwitz 2000-onwards; Gasson *et al.* 2009). Appendix 2. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C: RLS. — D: TLS.

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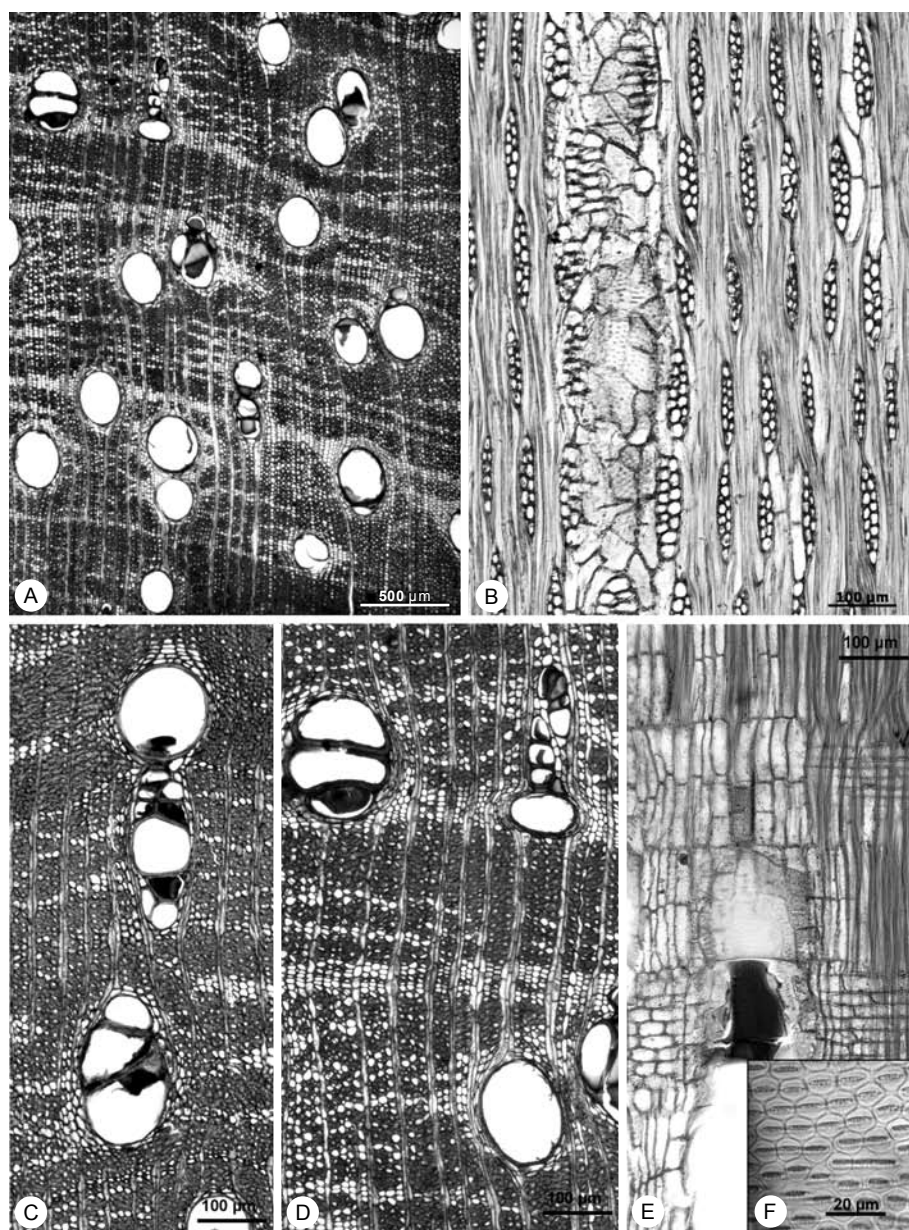


Figure 5. *Dalbergia nigra* Fr. Allem. (Leguminosae, Papilionoideae). Brazilian Rosewood (Détienne & Jacquet 1983; Richter & Dallwitz 2000-onwards; Miller & Wiemann 2006; Gasson *et al.* 2010). Appendix I. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C, D: TS. — E: RLS. — F: IVP.

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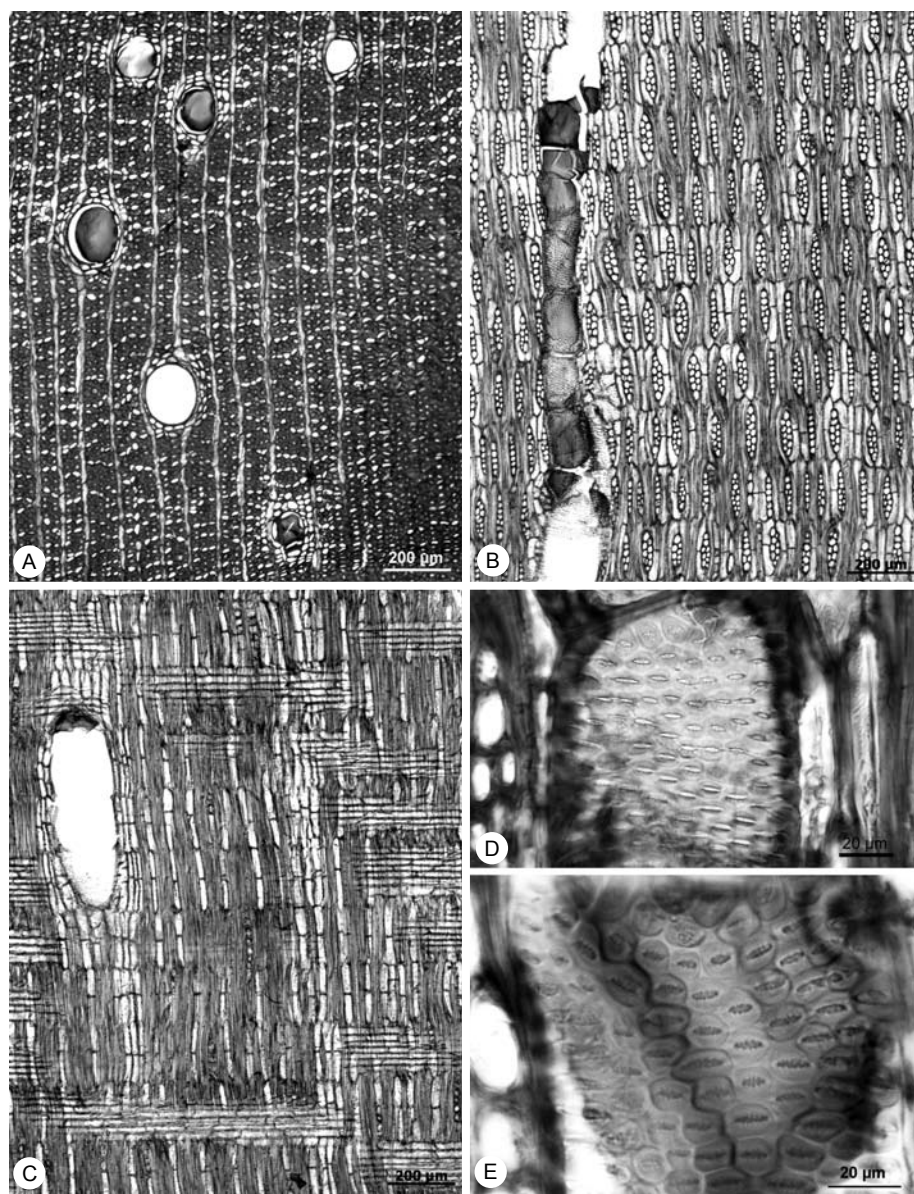


Figure 6. *Dalbergia retusa* Hemsl. (Leguminosae, Papilionoideae). Cocolobo (Kribs 1968; Richter & Dallwitz 2000-onwards). Appendix 3. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C: RLS. — D, E: IVP.

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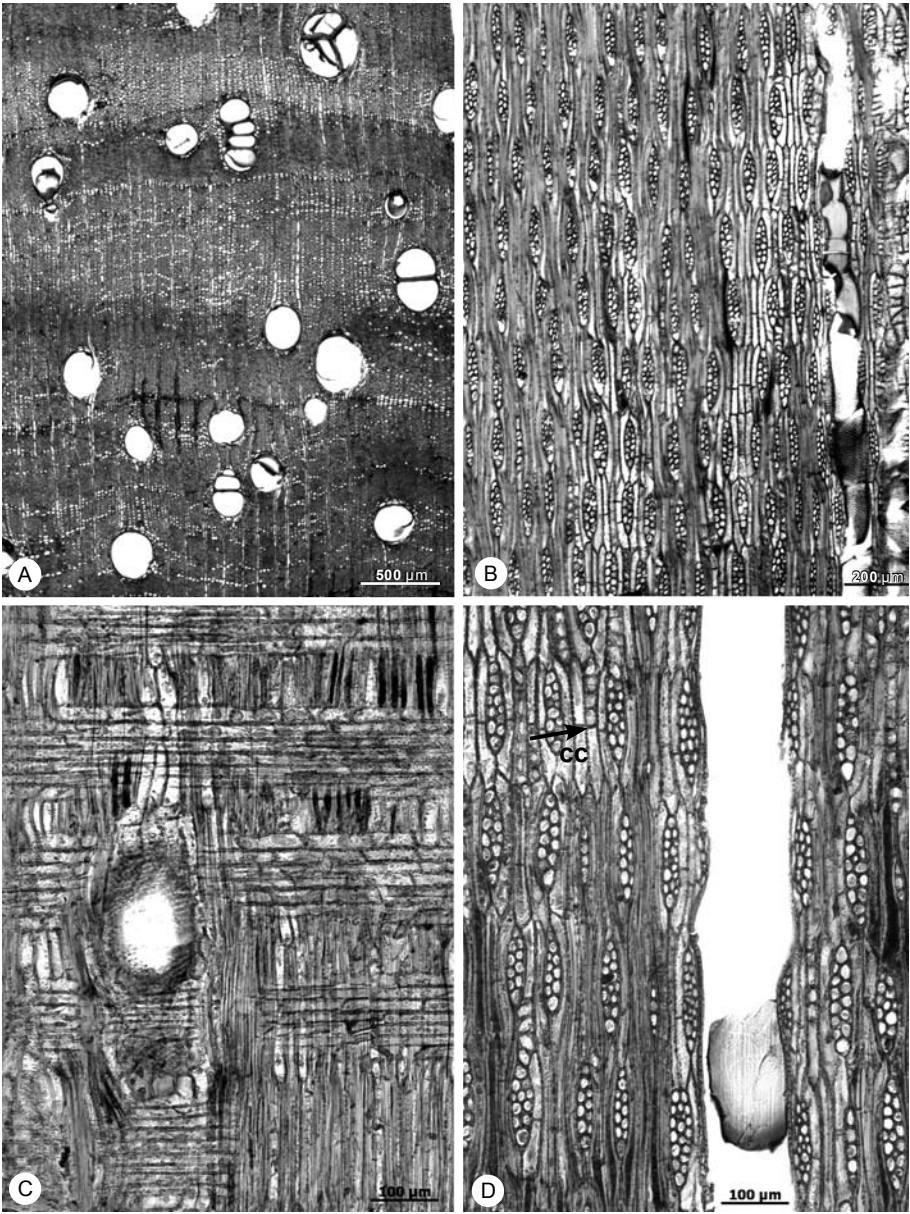


Figure 7. *Dalbergia stevensonii* Standl. (Leguminosae, Papilionoideae). Honduras Rosewood. Appendix 3. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C: RLS. — D: TLS. — cc = chambered crystals.

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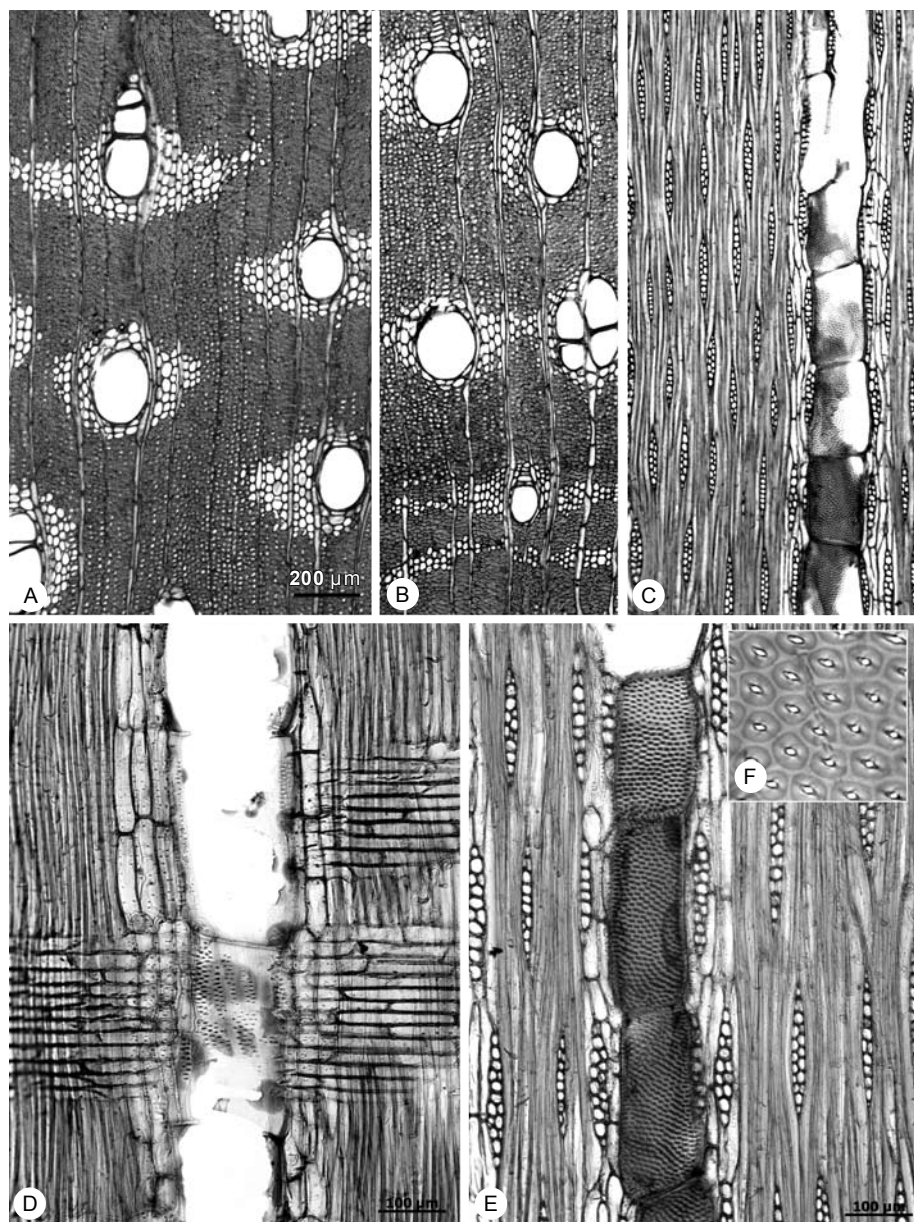


Figure 8. *Dipteryx oleifera* Benth. [*D. panamensis* (Pittier) Record & Mell.] (Leguminosae, Papilionoideae). Almendro Amarillo. Appendix 3. — A, B: TS. — C: TLS. — D: RLS. — E: TLS. — F: IVP.

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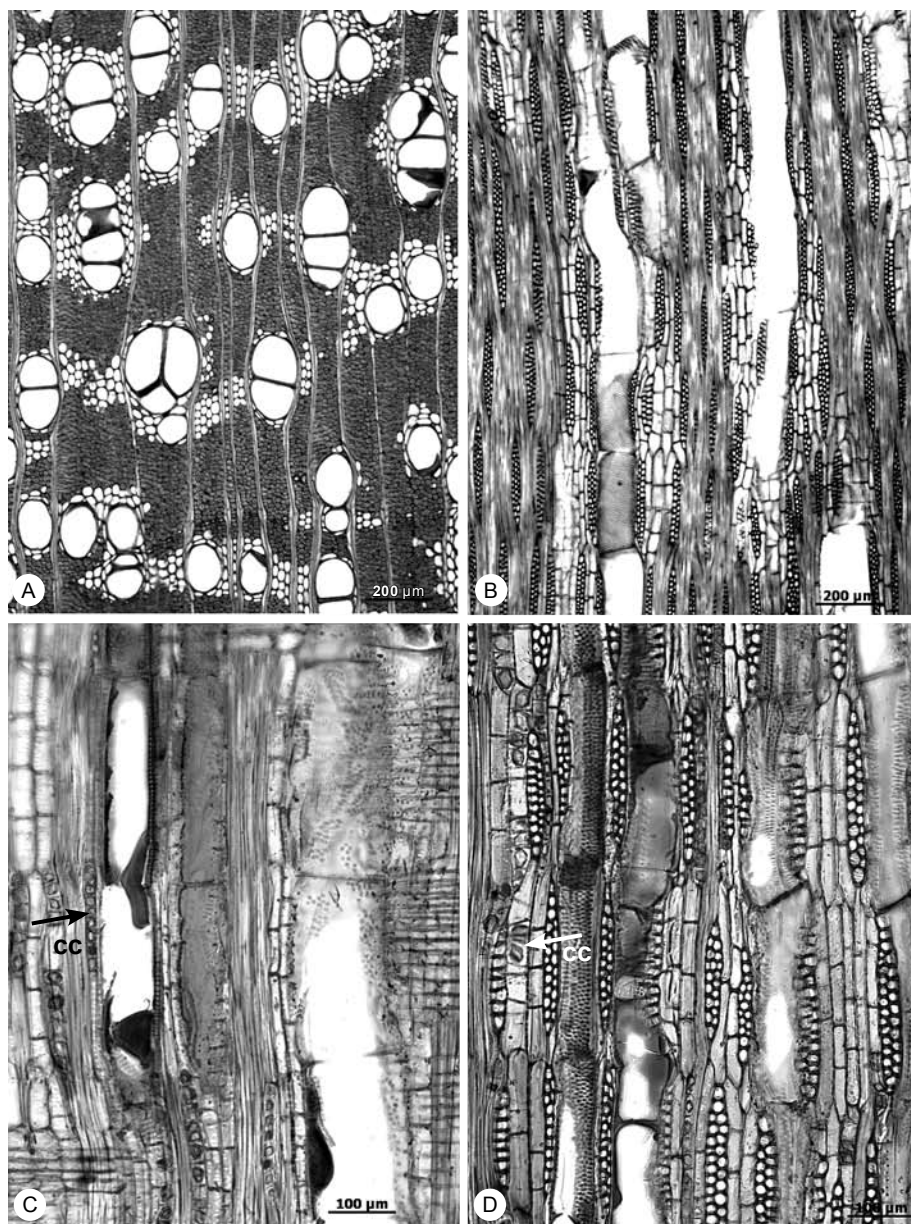


Figure 9. *Pericopsis elata* (Harms) Meeuwen [*Afrormosia elata* Harms] (Leguminosae, Papilionoideae). African Teak (Ng'adwe *et al.* 2010). Appendix 2. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C: RLS. — D: TLS. — cc = chambered crystals.

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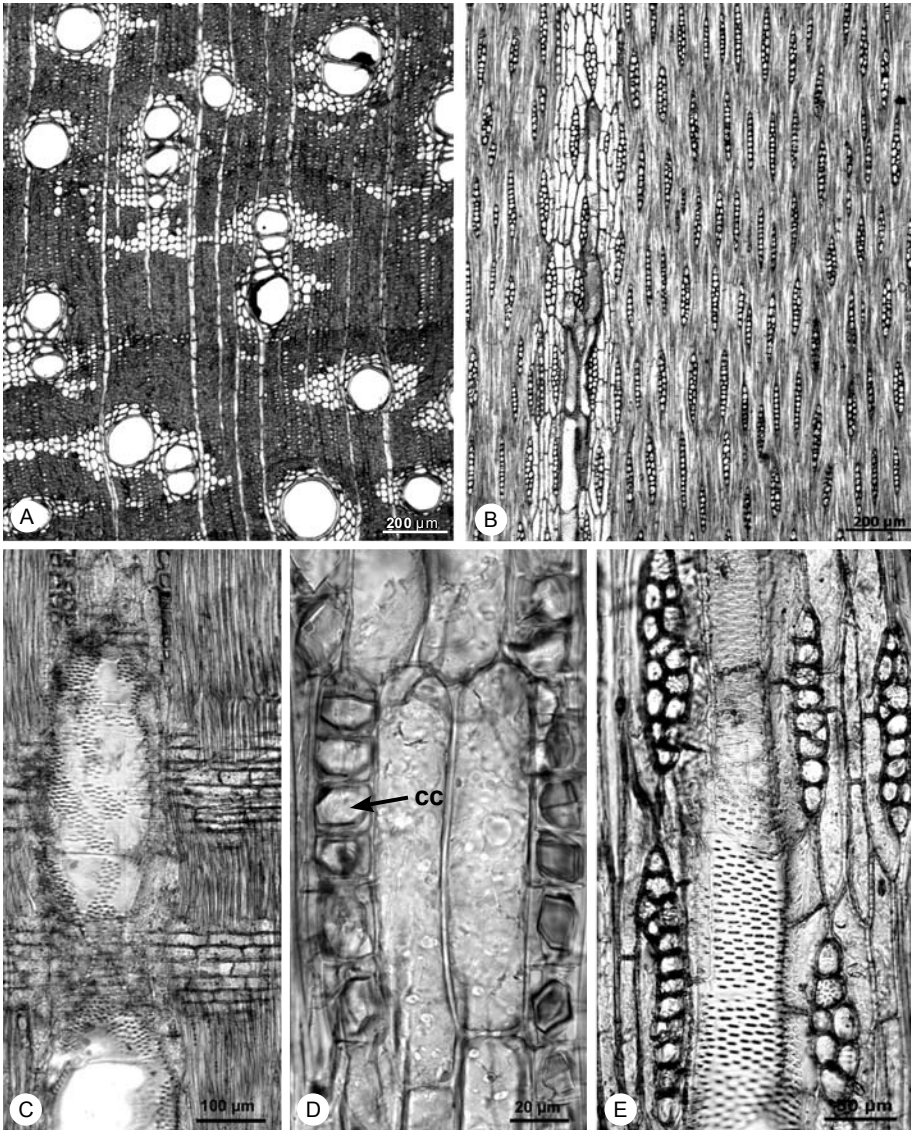


Figure 10. *Platymiscium pleiostachyum* Donn.Sm. (Leguminosae). Cristobal, Granadillo, Cachimbo. Appendix 2. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C: RLS. — D: RLS. — E: TLS. — cc = chambered crystals.

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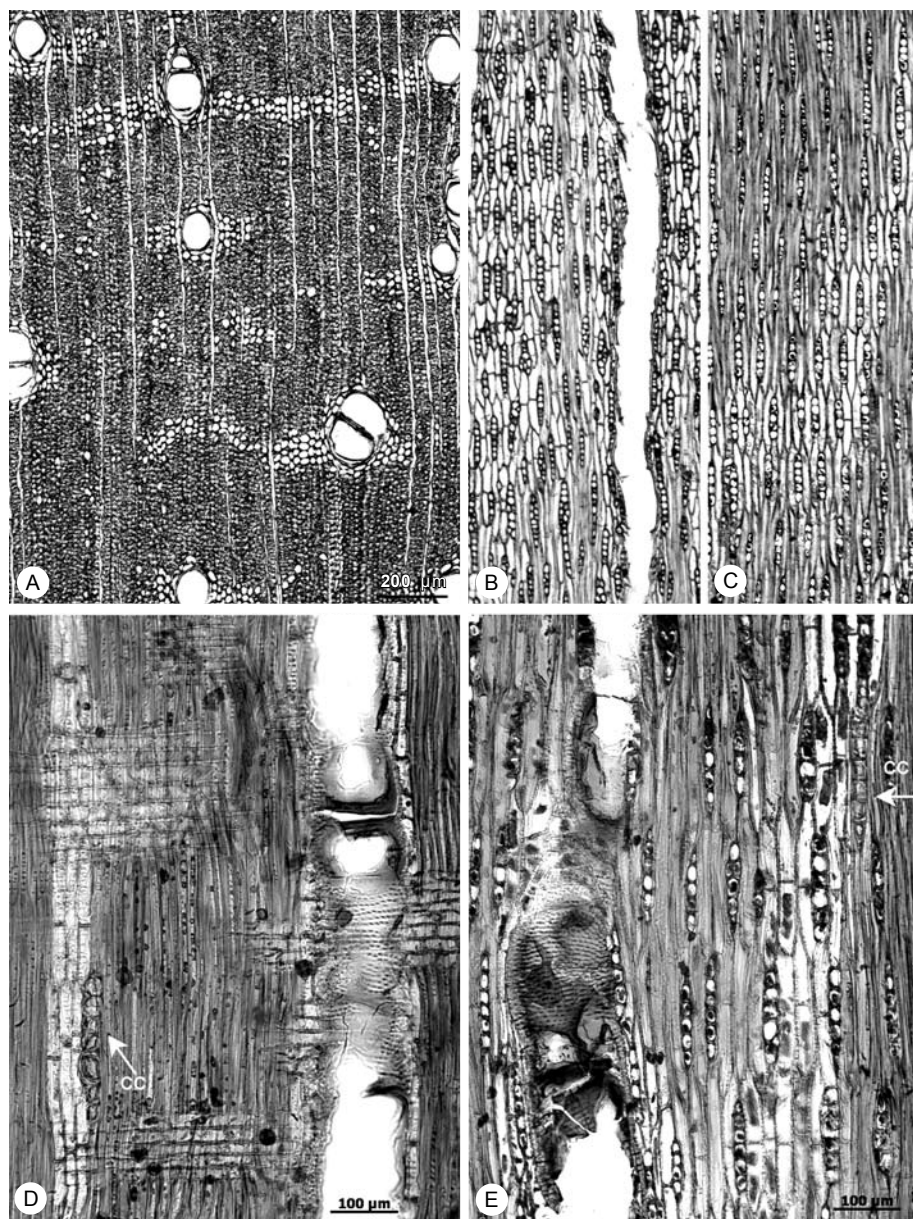


Figure 11. *Pterocarpus santalinus* L.f. (Leguminosae, Papilionoideae). Red Sandalwood, Red Sanders (Kribs 1968; Normand & Paquis 1976; Richter & Dallwitz 2000-onwards). Appendix 2. — A: TS. — B, C: TLS. — D: RLS. — E: TLS. — cc = chambered crystals.

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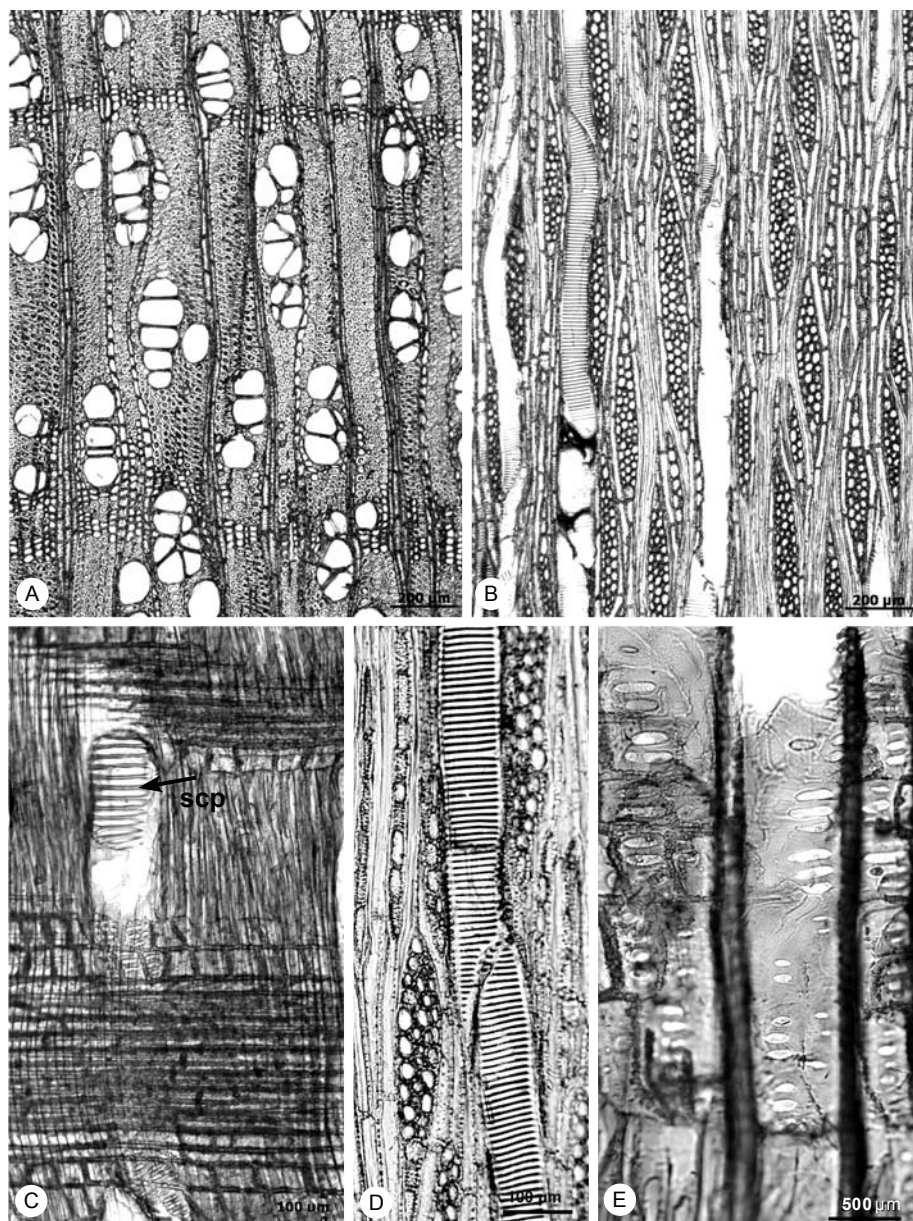


Figure 12. *Magnolia liliifera* (L.) Baill. var. *obovata* (Korth.) Govaerts (Magnoliaceae). Giogi, Champak. Appendix 3. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C: RLS. — D: IVP. — E: VRP. — scp = scalariform perforation.

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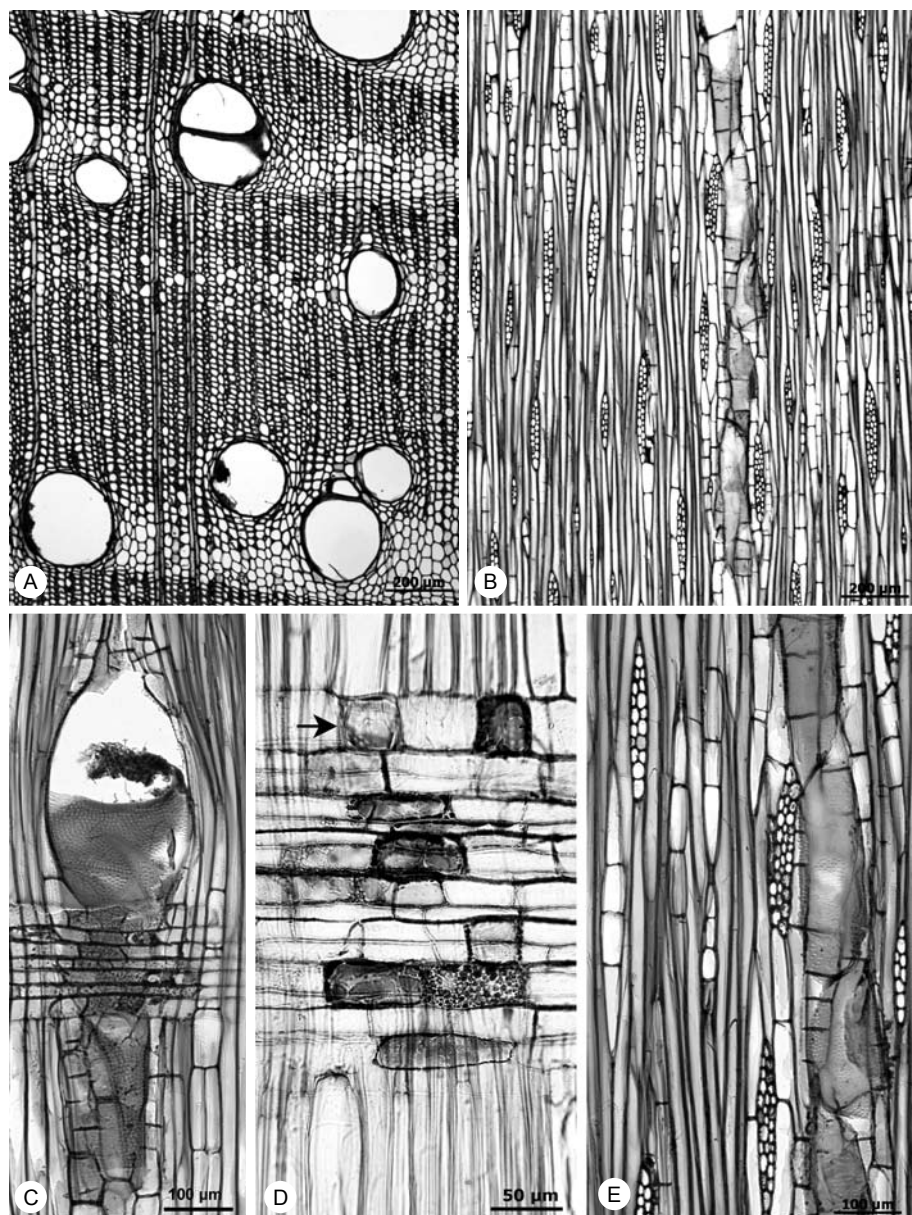


Figure 13. *Cedrela fissilis* Vell. (Meliaceae). Cedro (Brazier & Franklin 1961; Miller & Détienne 2001; White & Gasson 2008). Appendix 3. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C, D: RLS, crystal in square ray parenchyma cell (arrow). — E: TLS.

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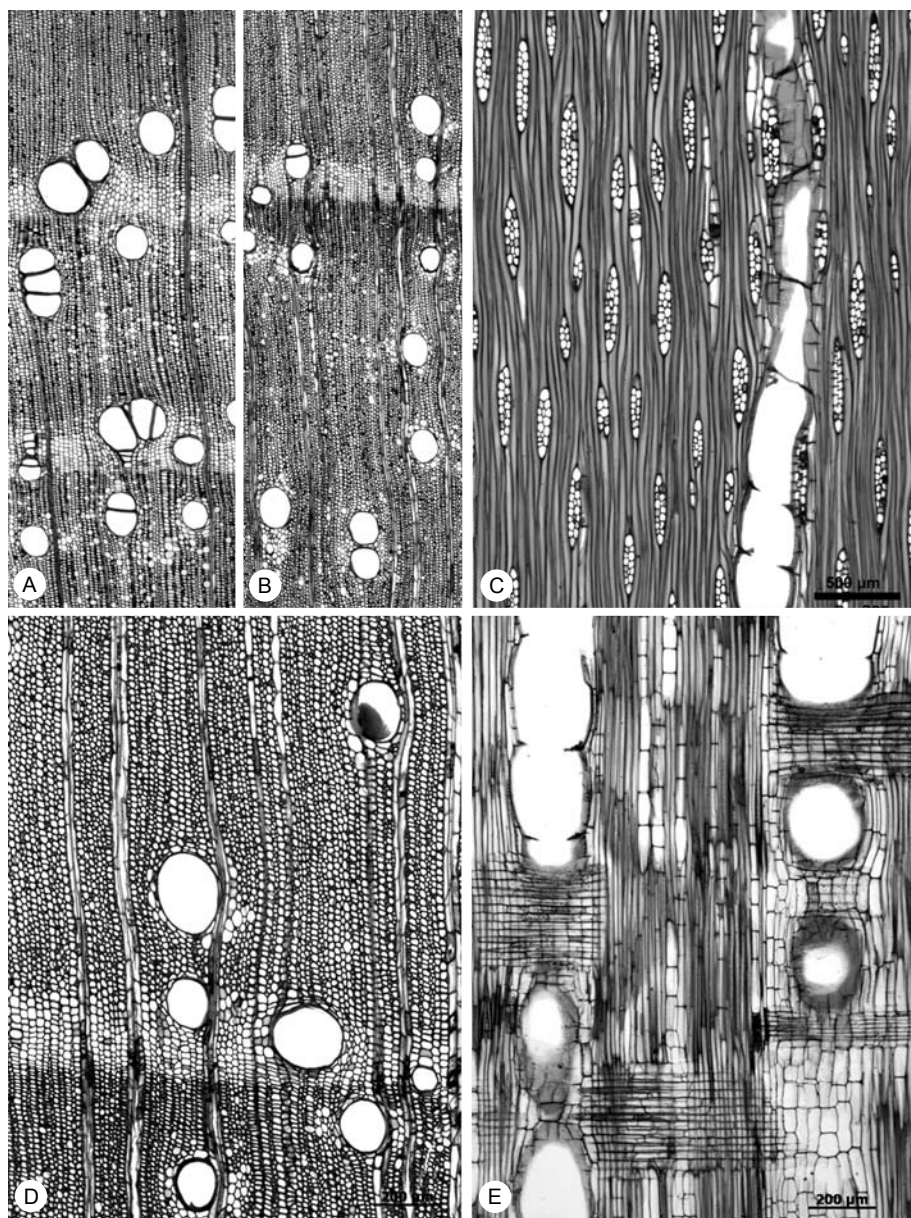


Figure 14. *Cedrela odorata* L. (Meliaceae). Cedro, Cigarbox Cedar (Brazier & Franklin 1961; Détienne & Jacquet 1983; Miller & Détienne 2001; White & Gasson 2008). Appendix 3. — A, B: TS. — C: TLS. — D: TS. — E: RLS.

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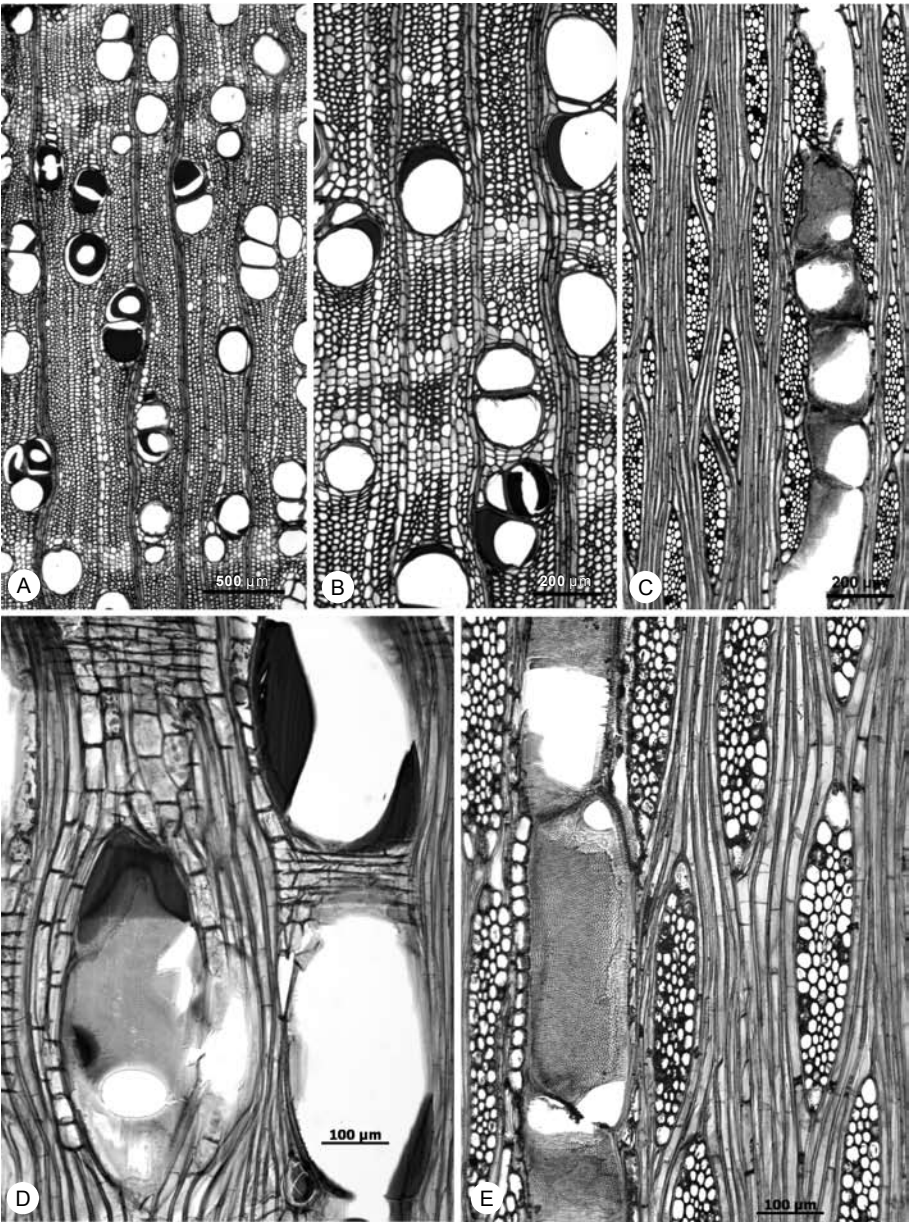


Figure 15. *Swietenia humilis* Zucc. (Meliaceae). Mexican Mahogany (White & Gasson 2008). Appendix 2. — A, B: TS. — C: TLS. — D: RLS. — E: TLS.

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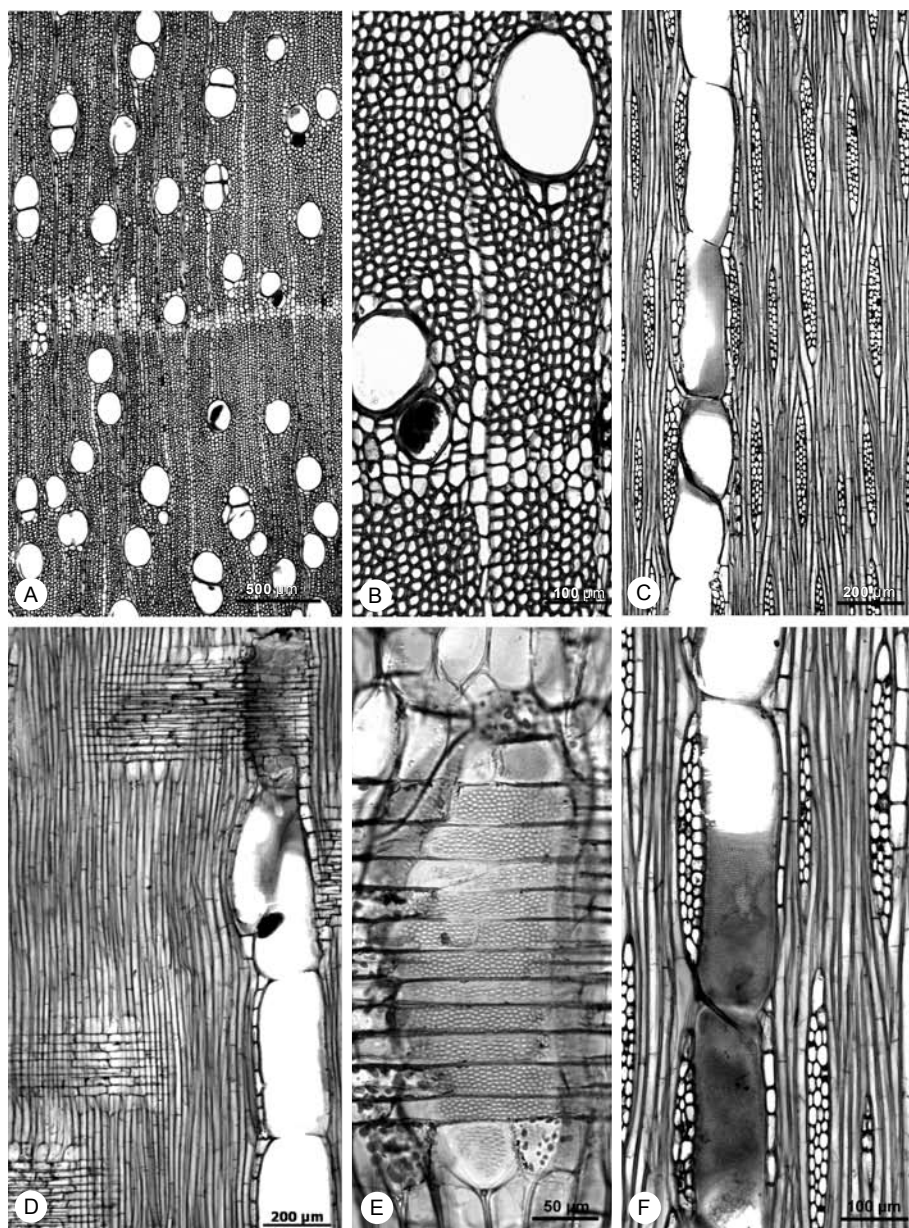


Figure 16. *Swietenia macrophylla* King (Meliaceae). Big Leaf Mahogany (White & Gasson 2008). Appendix 2. — A, B: TS. — C: TLS. — D: RLS. — E: VRP. — F: TLS.

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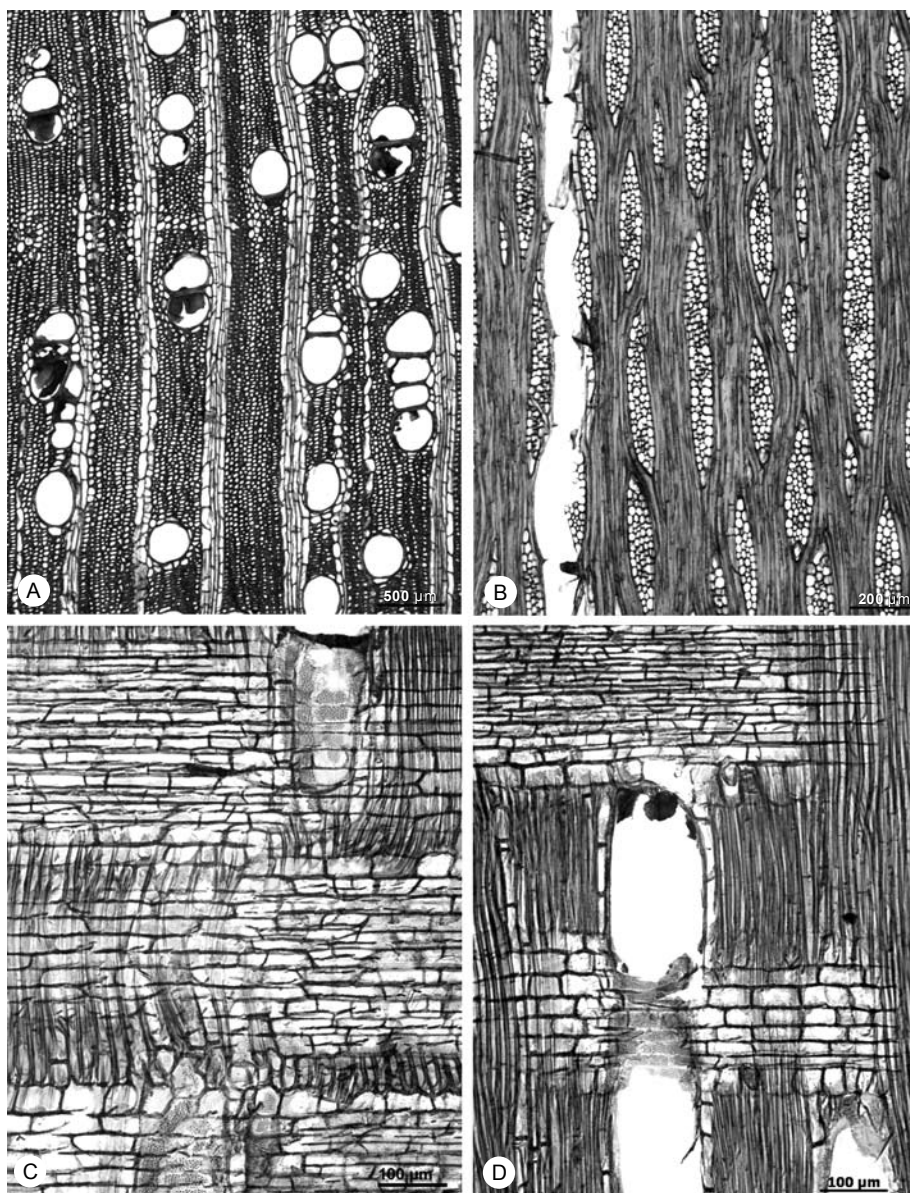


Figure 17. *Swietenia mahagoni* (L.) Jacq. (Meliaceae). American Mahogany (Soerianegara & Lemmens 1993; White & Gasson 2008). Appendix 2. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C, D: RLS.

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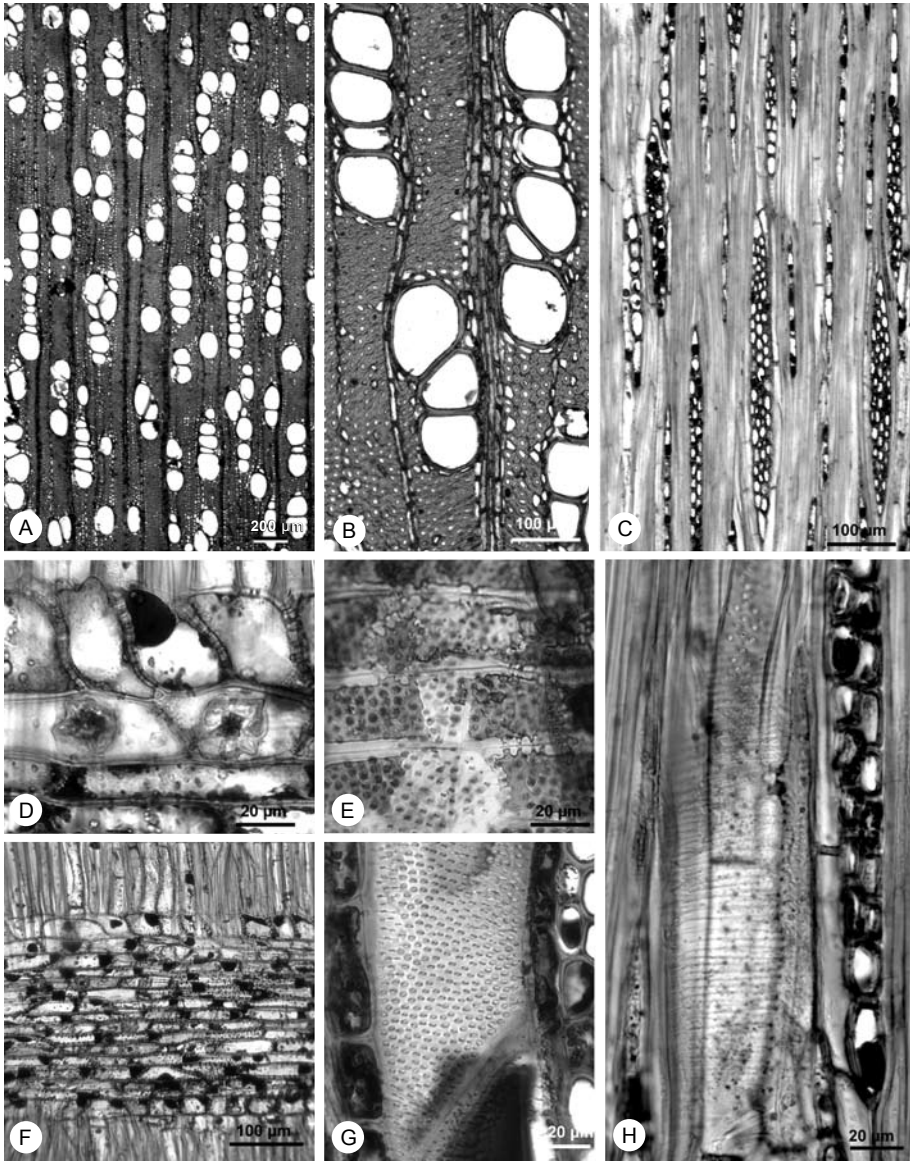


Figure 18. *Prunus africana* (Hook.f.) Kalkman (Rosaceae). African Cherry, Red Stinkwood (Kribs 1968). Appendix 2. — A, B: TS. — C: TLS. — D: RLS, druses. — E: VRP. — F: RLS. — G: IVP. — H: TLS, helical thickenings in vessel element.

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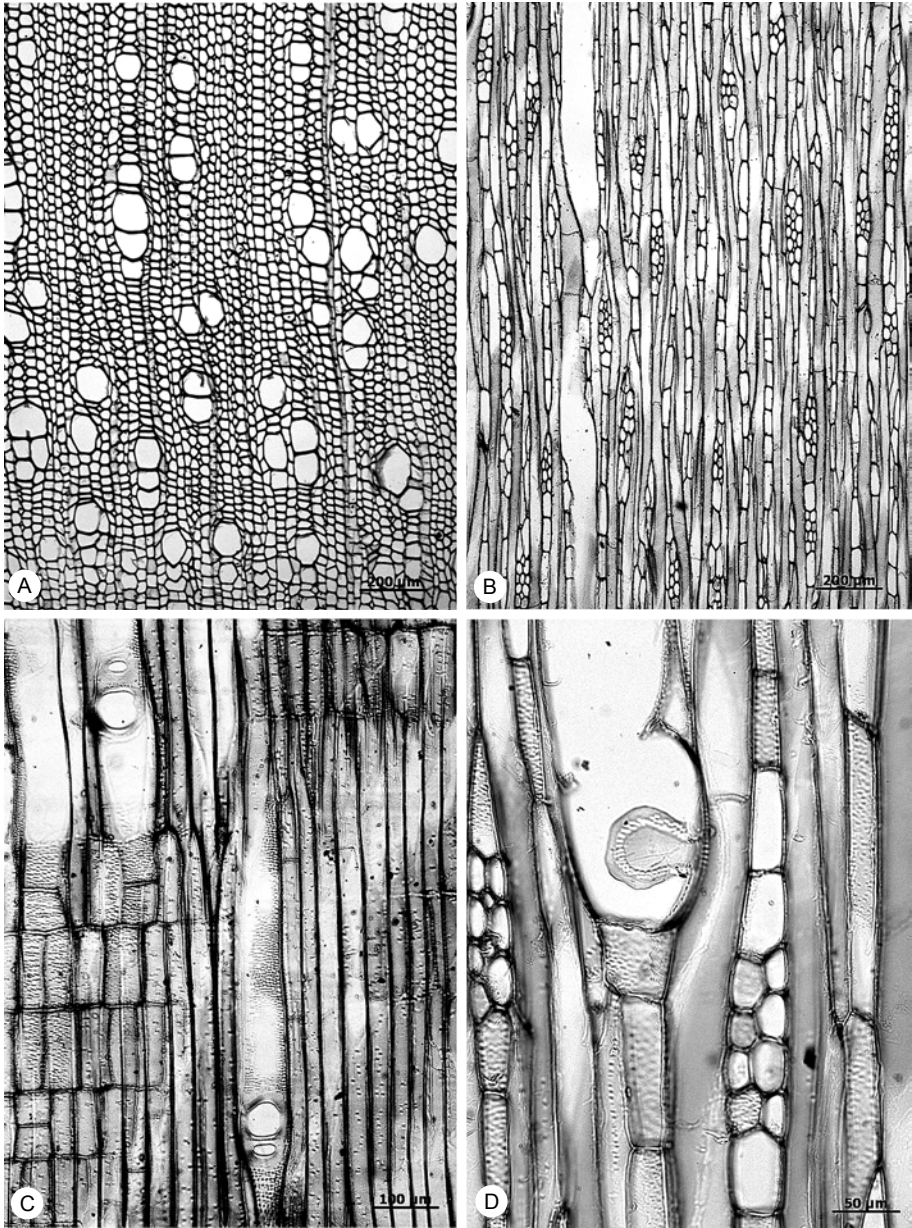


Figure 19. *Balmea stormae* Martínez (Rubiaceae). Ayague. Appendix 1. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C: RLS. — D: TLS.

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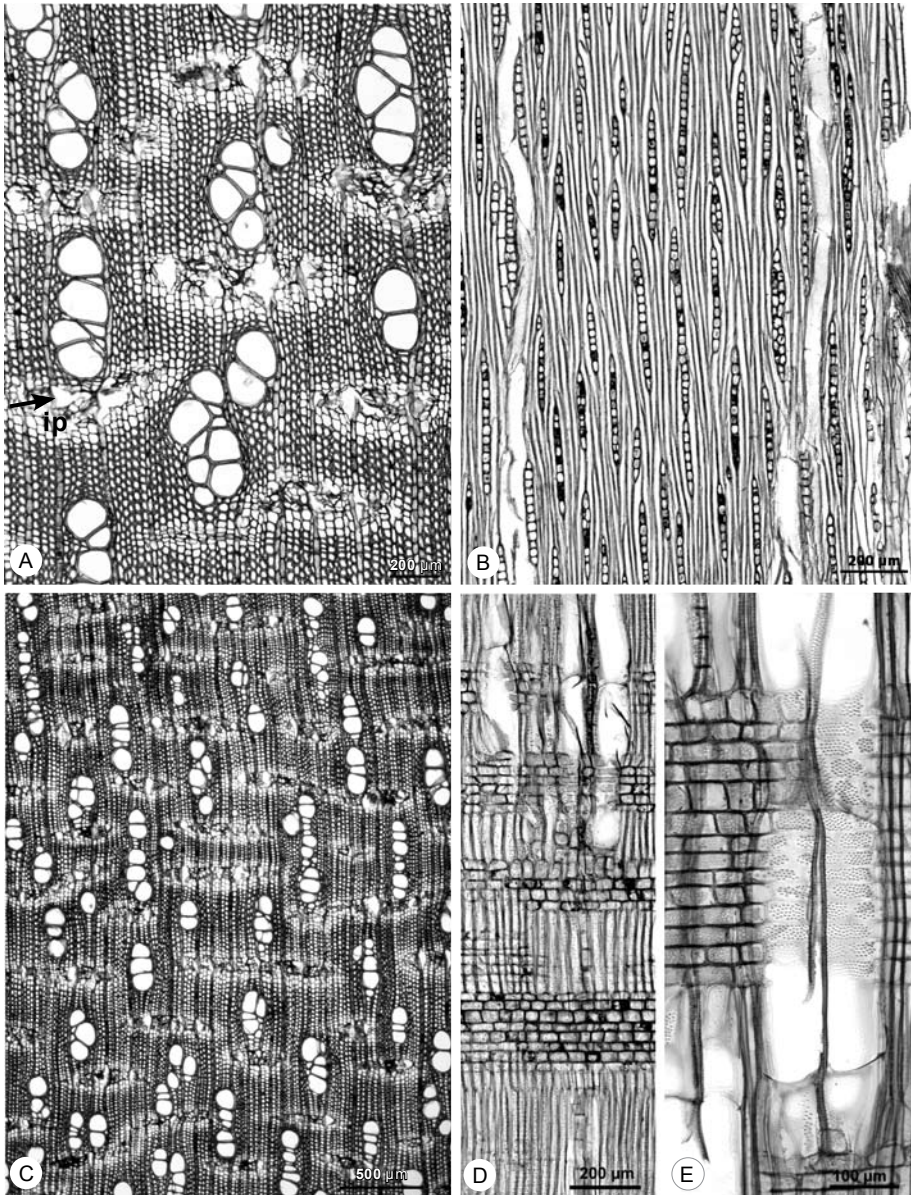


Figure 20. *Aquilaria agallocha* Roxb. (Thymelaeaceae). Agarwood (Pearson & Brown 1932). Appendix 2. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C: TS. — D: RLS. — E: VRP. — ip = included phloem. All *Aquilaria* species are CITES-listed and wood anatomically quite similar.

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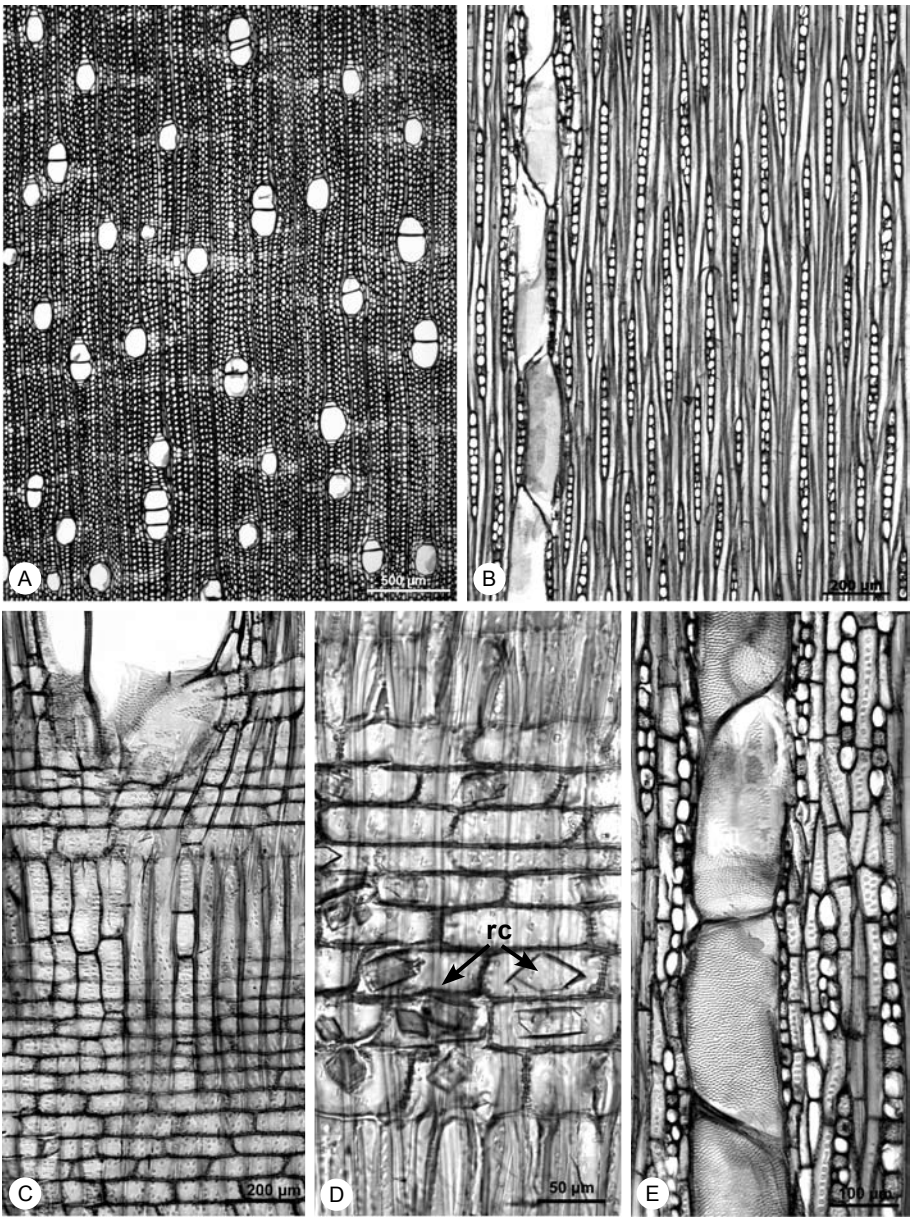


Figure 21. *Gonystylus punctatus* A.C.Sm. (Thymelaeaceae). Ramin (Soerianegara & Lemmens 1993; Richter & Dallwitz 2000-onwards). Appendix 2. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C, D: RLS. — E: TLS. — rc = crystals in ray cells. All *Gonystylus* species are CITES-listed and wood anatomically very similar.

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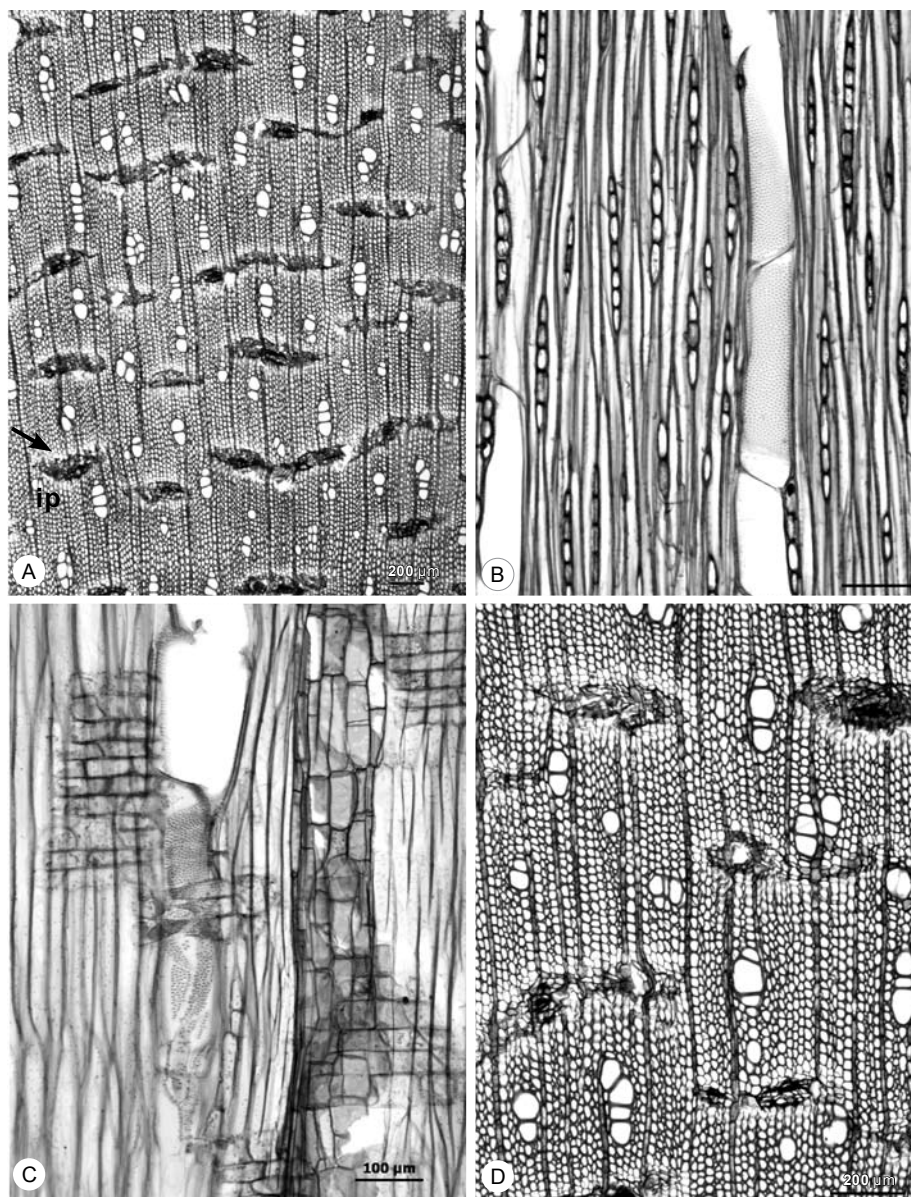


Figure 22. *Gyrinops walla* Gaertn. (Thymelaeaceae). Agarwood. Appendix 2. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C: RLS. — D: TS. — ip = included phloem. All *Gyrinops* species are CITES-listed and wood anatomically quite similar.

IAWA Hardwood codes: 2 5 12v 13 22 23 24 25 29 30 41 47 62 66 68 75 96 97v 105v 106v 107v 108v 109v 115 134

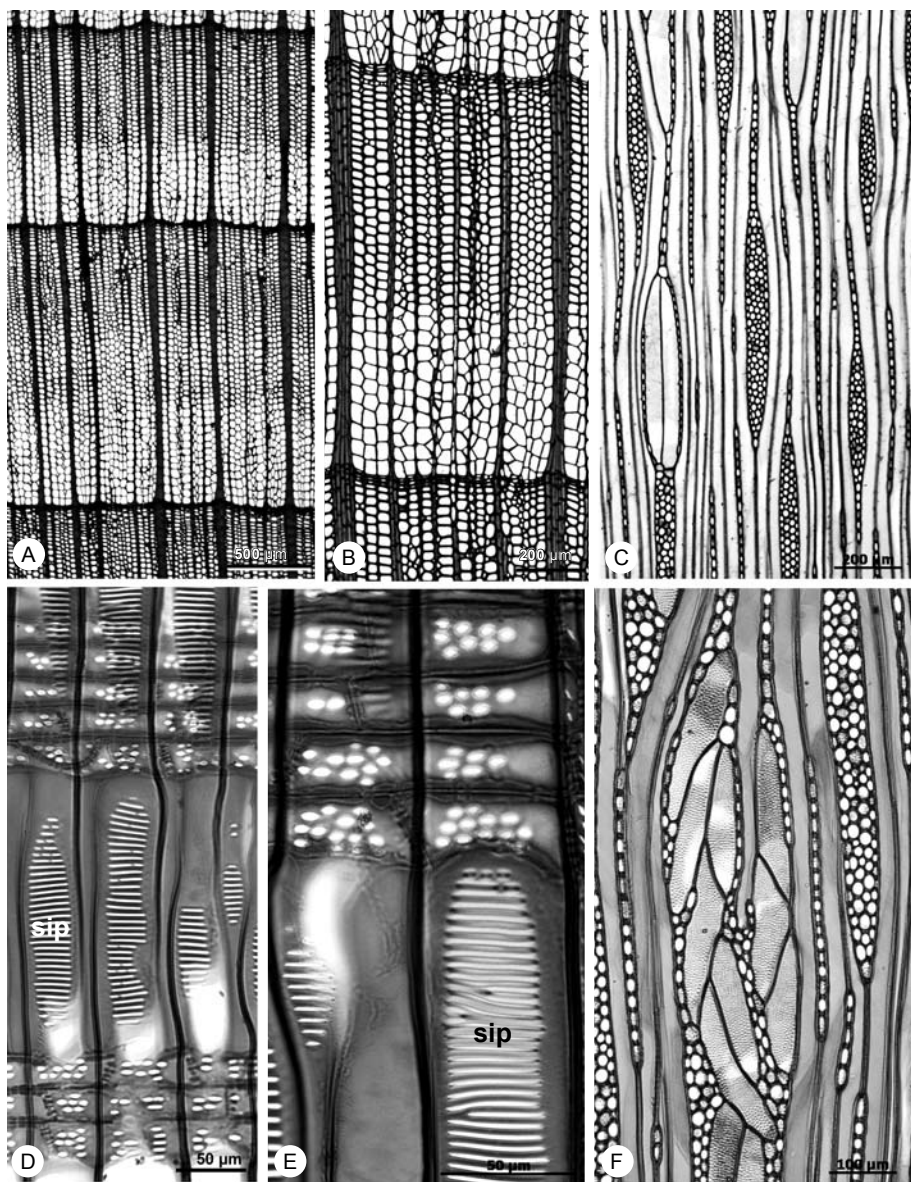


Figure 23. *Tetracentron sinense* Oliv. (Trochodendraceae). Shui qing shu (Suzuki *et al.* 1991). Appendix 3. — A, B: TS. — C: TLS. — D, E: RLS showing scalariform intertracheid pits (sip). — F: TLS.

IAWA Hardwood codes: 1 59 76 77 91 92 93 98 102 103 104 110v 115

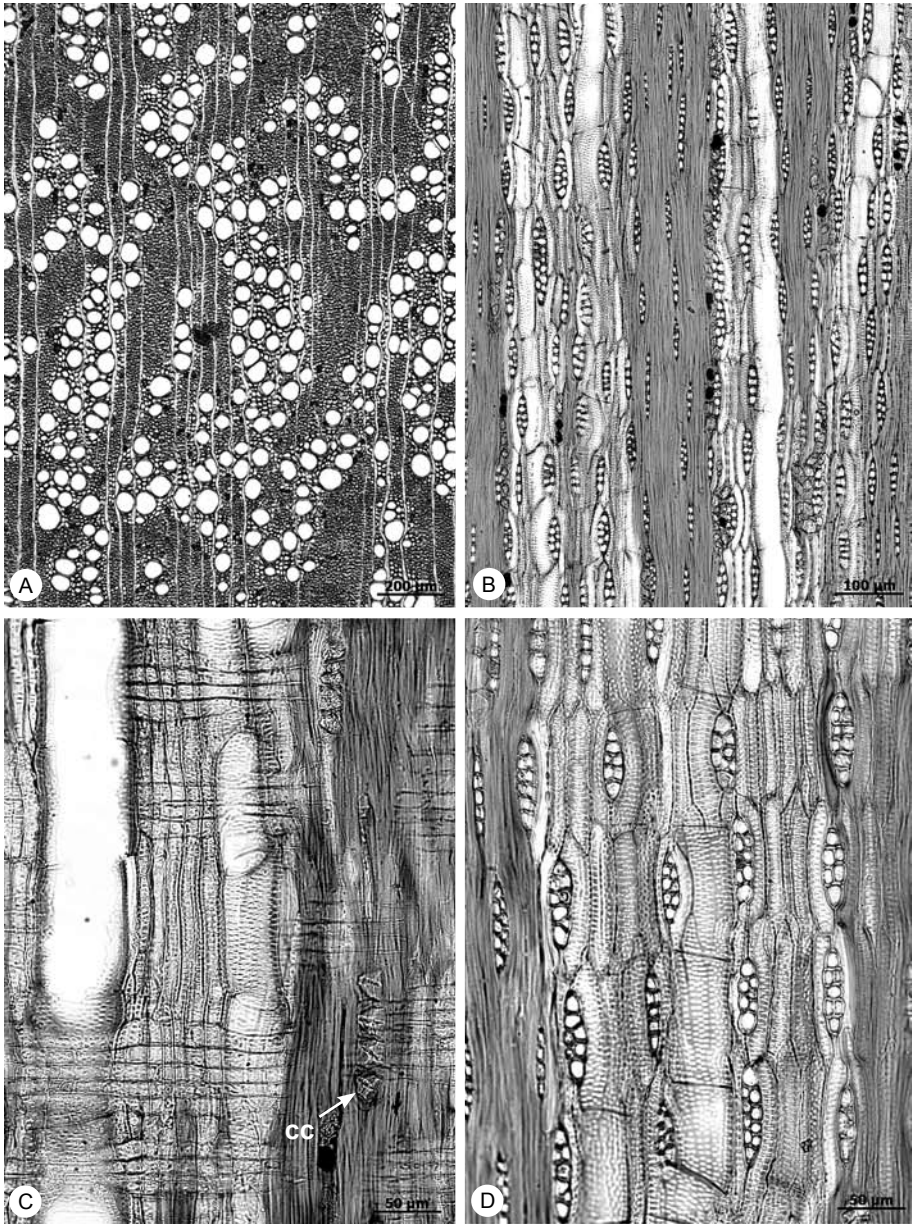


Figure 24. *Bulnesia sarmientoi* Lorentz ex Griseb. (Zygophyllaceae). Hollywood, Palo Santo, Lignum Vitae (Tortorelli 1956; Kribs 1968). Appendix 2. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C: RLS. — D: TLS. — cc = chambered crystals.

IAWA Hardwood codes: 2 5 7v 13 22 23v 25 30 41 45v 49 50v 58v 60 61 62 66 70 76 77v 78 79 90 91 97 104 116 118 120 136 142

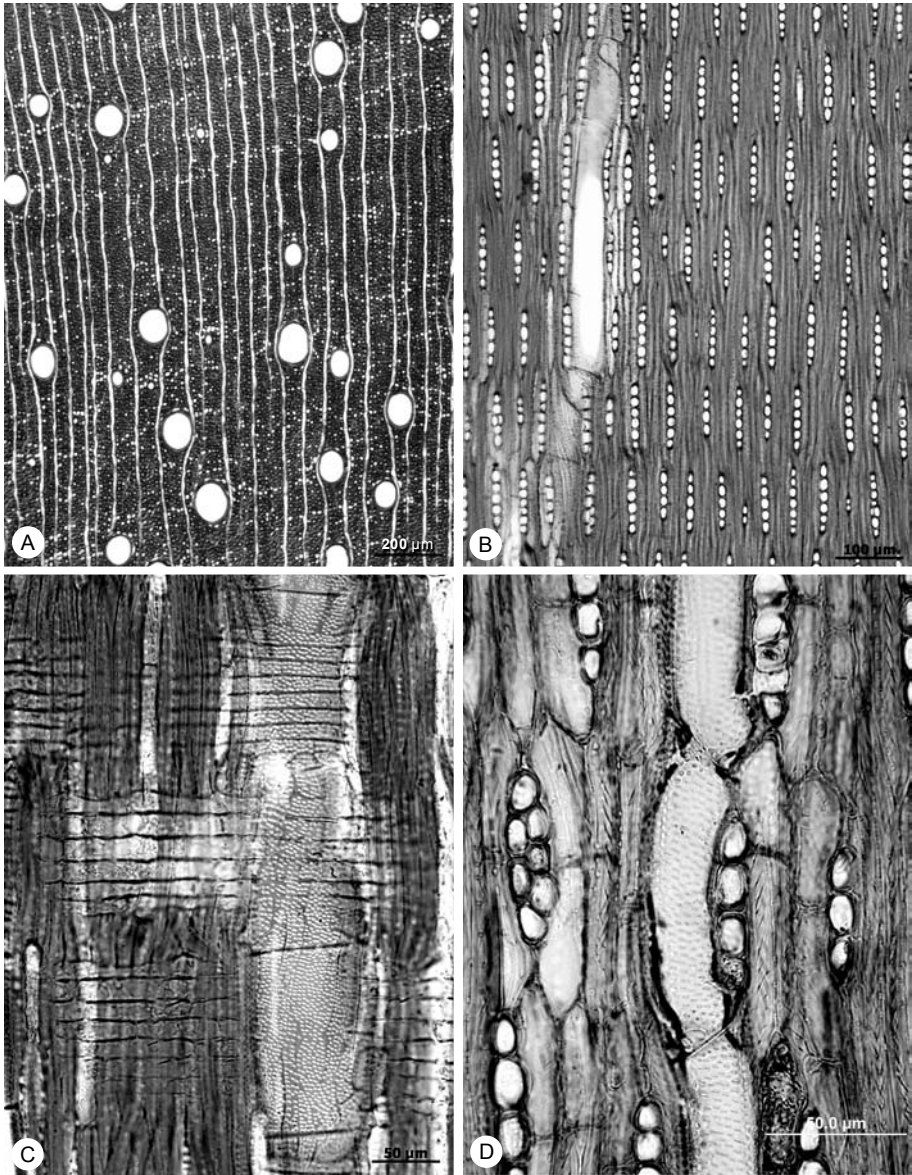


Figure 25. *Guaiacum officinale* L. (Zygophyllaceae). Lignum Vitae, Holywood (Kribs 1968; Nardi Berte & Edlmann Abbate 1992). Appendix 2. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C: RLS. — D: TLS. All species of *Guaiacum* are CITES-listed and wood anatomically quite similar.

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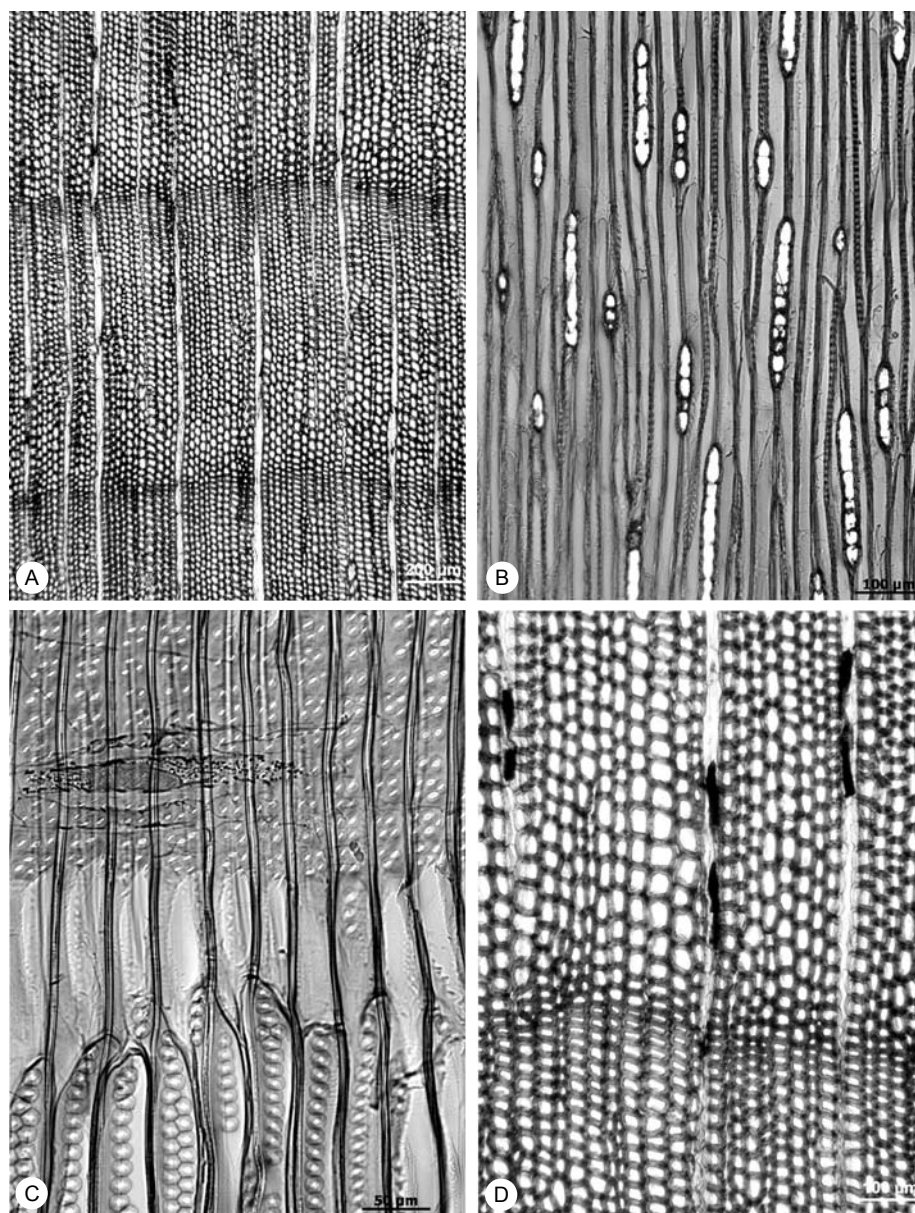


Figure 26. *Araucaria araucana* (Araucariaceae). Monkey Puzzle Tree. Appendix 1. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C: RLS. — D: TS.

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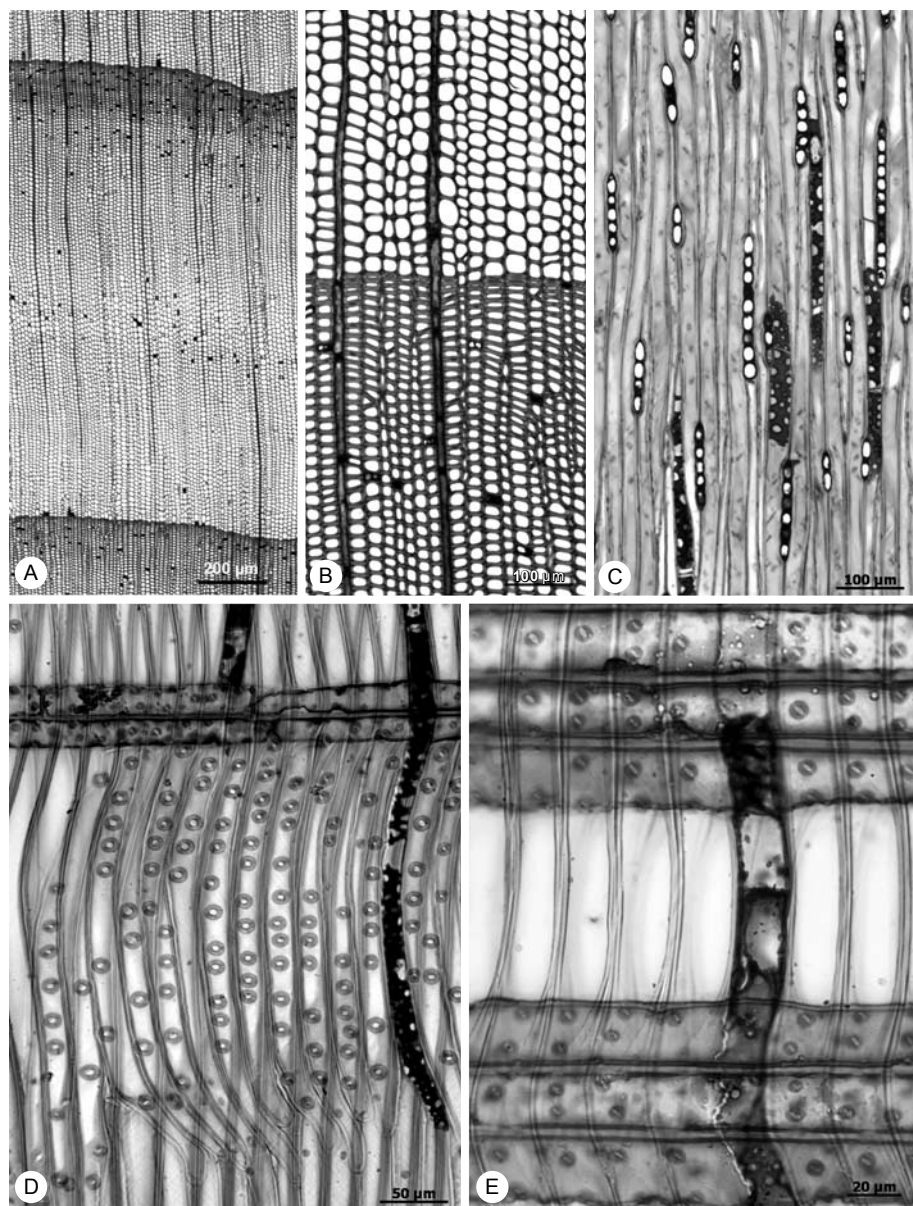


Figure 27. *Fitzroya cupressoides* (Molina) I.M. Johnst. (Cupressaceae). Patagonian Cypress. Appendix 1. — A, B: TS. — C: TLS. — D, E: RLS.

IAWA Softwood codes: 40 43 44 54 55v 56 58v 72 73 74 76v 78v 80 86 87 89v 93 94v 98 103 107

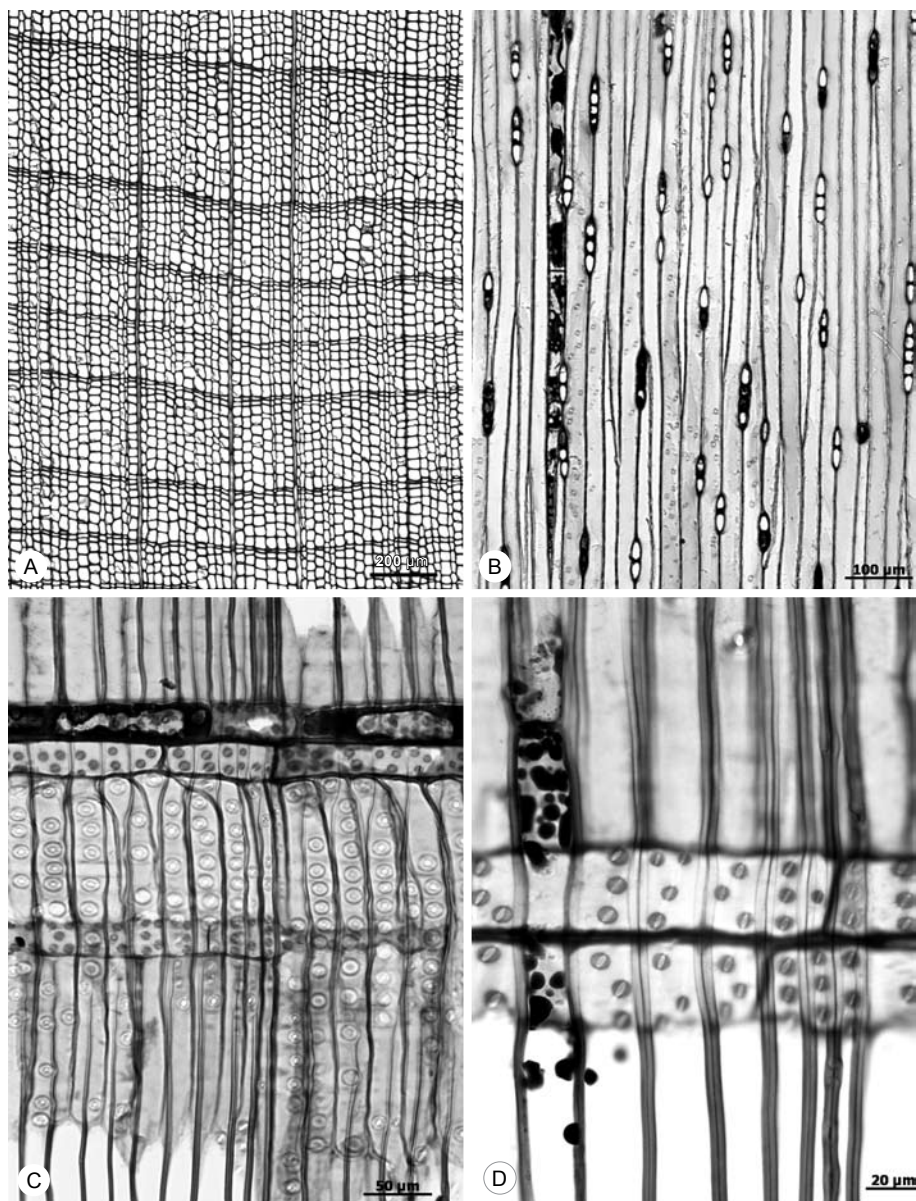


Figure 28. *Pilgerodendron uviferum* (D. Don) Florin (Cupressaceae). Ciprés de las Guaiteca. Appendix 1. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C, D: RLS.

IAWA Softwood codes: 40 43 44 54 56 58v 72 73 74 76 80 85v 86 87 93 94v 98 99 102 107

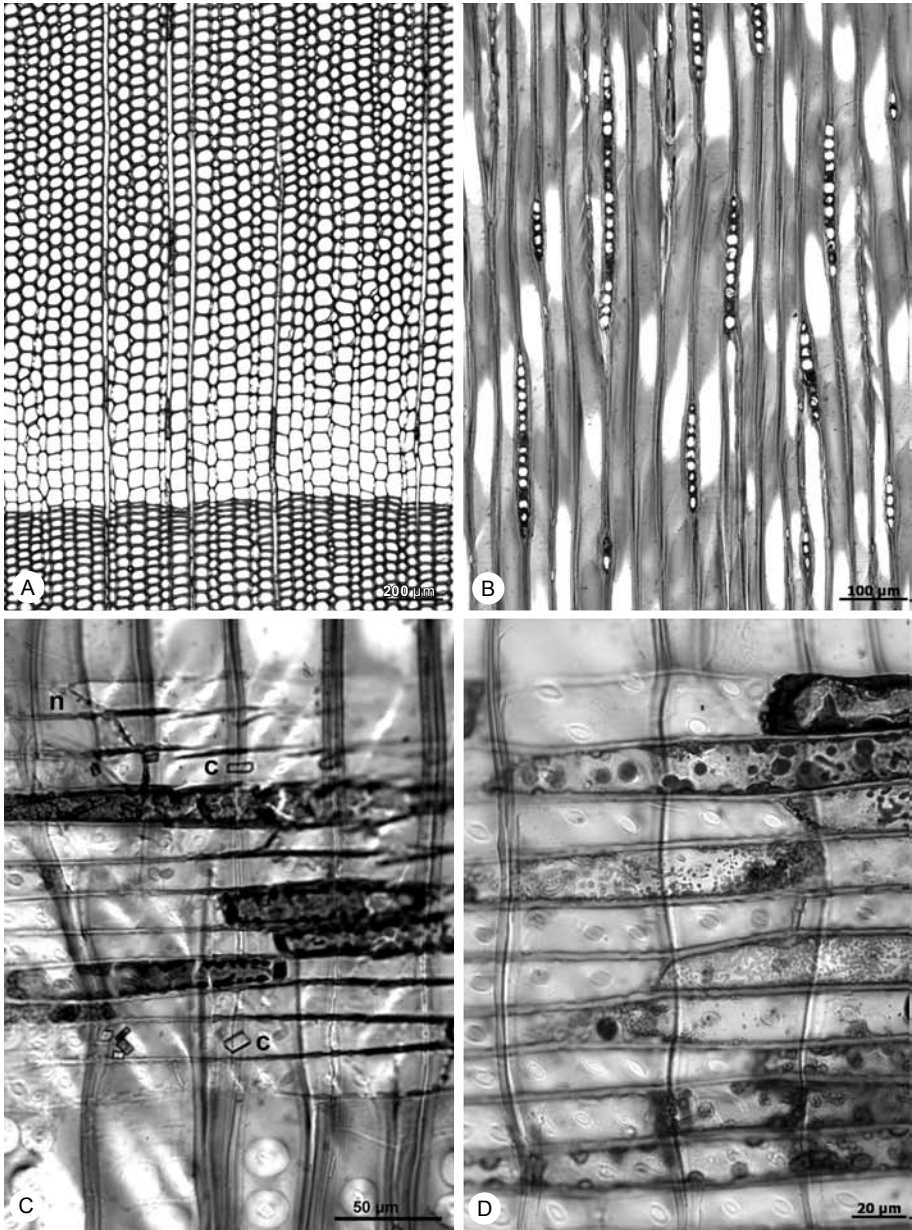


Figure 29. *Abies guatemalensis* Rehder (Pinaceae). Guatemalan Fir, Pinabete. Appendix 1. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C, D: RLS. — c = crystal; n = nodular end wall.

IAWA Softwood codes: 40 43 44 45v 54 56 58v 80 86 88 89v 94 98 103 107 111v 118 119 122

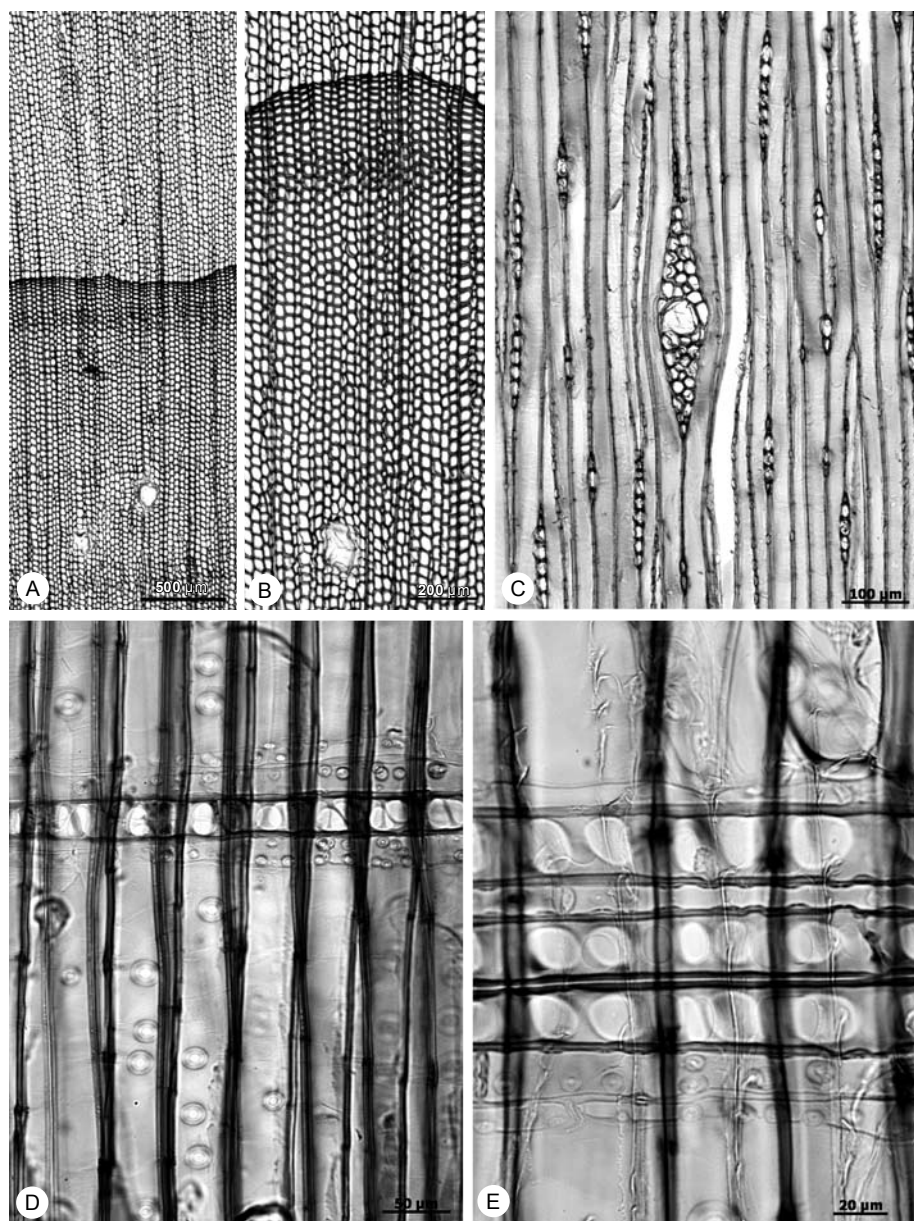


Figure 30. *Pinus koraiensis* Siebold & Zucc. (Pinaceae). Korean Pine. Appendix 3. — A, B: TS. — C: TLS. — D, E: RLS.

IAWA Softwood codes: 40 42v 43v 44 54 55v 56 79 81 85 87 90 97 103 107 109 110 111v 117

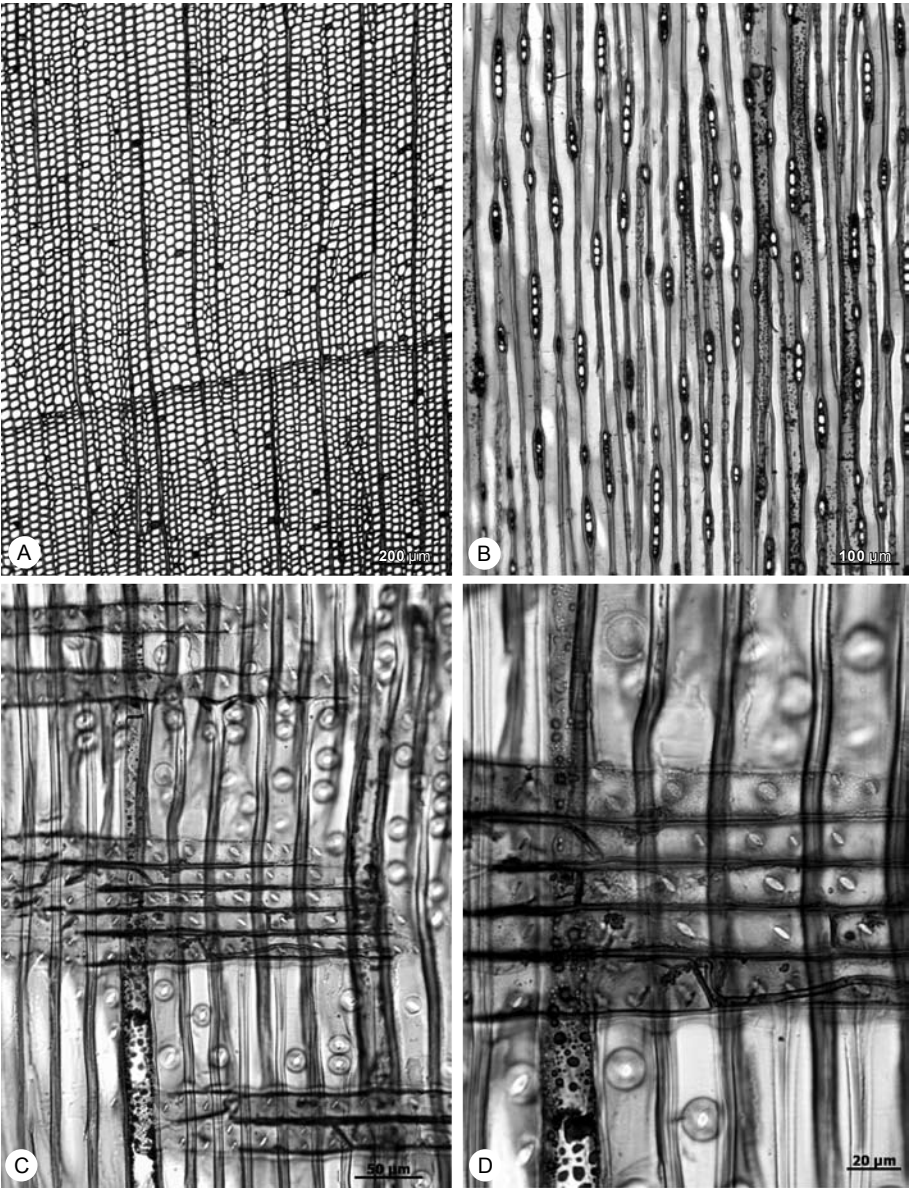


Figure 31. *Podocarpus neriifolius* D. Don (Podocarpaceae). Black Pine Podocarp. Appendix 3. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C, D: RLS.

IAWA Softwood codes: 40 41v 43 44 54 55v 72 73 74v 76 80 85 87 93 94v 98 102 103v 107

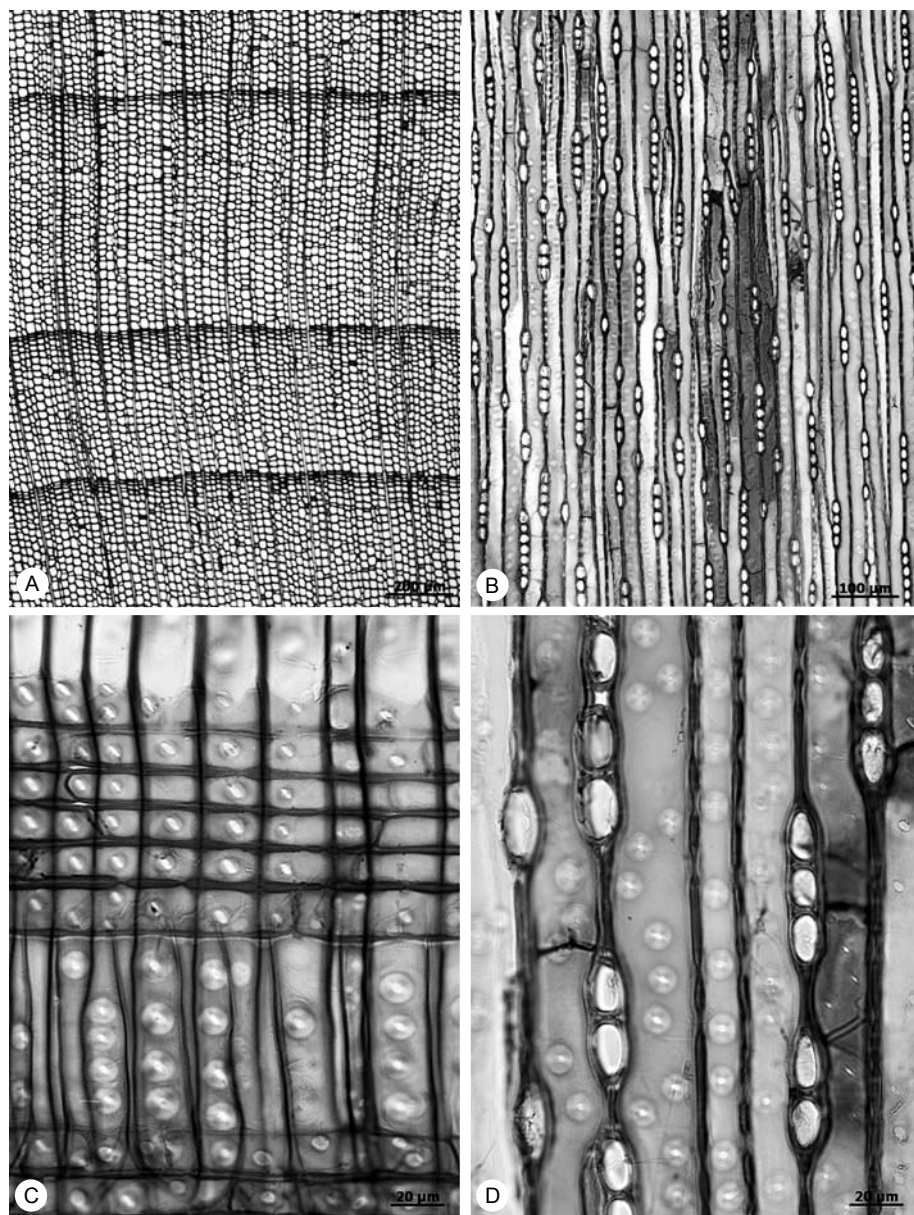


Figure 32. *Podocarpus parlatoei* Pilg. (Podocarpaceae). Parlatores's Podocarp, Moneromero. Appendix 1. — A: TS. — B: TLS. — C: RLS. — D: TLS.

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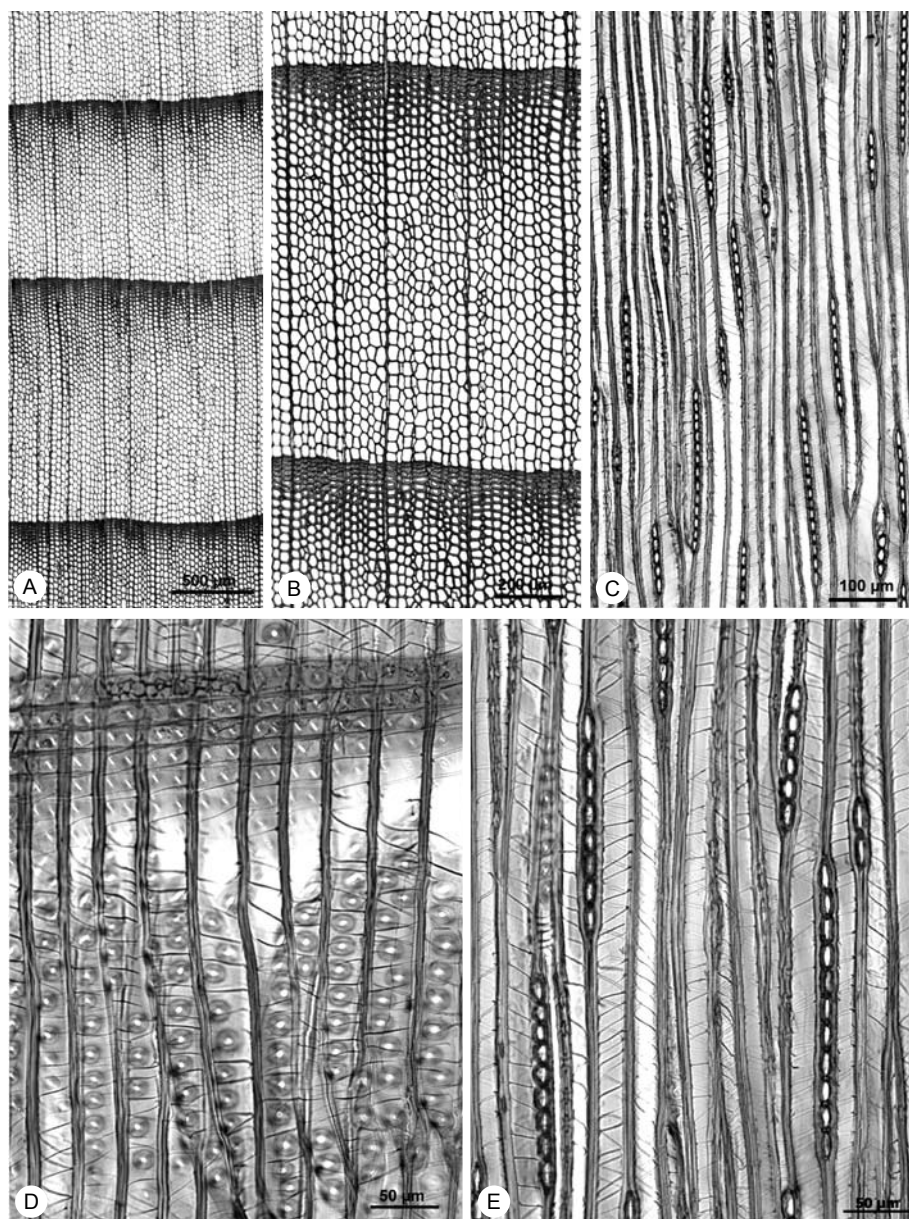


Figure 33. *Taxus cuspidata* Siebold & Zucc. (Taxaceae). Appendix 2. — A, B: TS. — C: TLS. — D: RLS. — E: TLS. — Other CITES-listed *Taxus* species (*T. chinensis*, *T. fuana*, *T. sumatrana* and *T. wallichiana*) are wood anatomically quite similar (Heinz 2004).

IAWA Softwood codes: 40 43 44 54v 55v 56 61 62 65 68 80 85 87 88v 89v 93 98 103 107

Appendix 1

Explanation of codes for microscopic hardwood features (IAWA 1989) used in the plate legends.

ANATOMICAL FEATURES

Growth rings

1. Growth ring boundaries distinct
2. Growth ring boundaries indistinct or absent

Vessels

Porosity

3. Wood ring-porous
4. Wood semi-ring-porous
5. Wood diffuse-porous

Vessel arrangement

6. Vessels in tangential bands
7. Vessels in diagonal and/or radial pattern
8. Vessels in dendritic pattern

Vessel groupings

9. Vessels exclusively solitary (90% or more)
10. Vessels in radial multiples of 4 or more common
11. Vessel clusters common

Solitary vessel outline

12. Solitary vessel outline angular

Perforation plates

13. Simple perforation plates
14. Scalariform perforation plates
 15. Scalariform perforation plates with ≤ 10 bars
 16. Scalariform perforation plates with 10–20 bars
 17. Scalariform perforation plates with 20–40 bars
 18. Scalariform perforation plates with ≥ 40 bars
19. Reticulate, foraminate, and/or other types of multiple perforation plates

Intervessel pits: arrangement and size

20. Intervessel pits scalariform
21. Intervessel pits opposite
22. Intervessel pits alternate
23. Shape of alternate pits polygonal
24. Minute – $\leq 4 \mu\text{m}$
25. Small – $4\text{--}7 \mu\text{m}$
26. Medium – $7\text{--}10 \mu\text{m}$
27. Large – $\geq 10 \mu\text{m}$

Vestured pits

29. Vestured pits

Vessel-ray pitting

30. Vessel-ray pits with distinct borders; similar to intervessel pits in size and shape throughout the ray cell
31. Vessel-ray pits with much reduced borders to apparently simple: pits rounded or angular
32. Vessel-ray pits with much reduced borders to apparently simple: pits horizontal (scalariform, gash-like) to vertical (palisade)
33. Vessel-ray pits of two distinct sizes or types in the same ray cell
34. Vessel-ray pits unilaterally compound and coarse (over $10 \mu\text{m}$)
35. Vessel-ray pits restricted to marginal rows

Helical thickenings

- 36. Helical thickenings in vessel elements present
 - 37. Helical thickenings throughout body of vessel element
 - 38. Helical thickenings only in vessel element tails
 - 39. Helical thickenings only in narrower vessel elements

Tangential diameter of vessel lumina

Mean tangential diameter of vessel lumina

- 40. $\leq 50 \mu\text{m}$
- 41. $50\text{--}100 \mu\text{m}$
- 42. $100\text{--}200 \mu\text{m}$
- 43. $\geq 200 \mu\text{m}$
- 45. Vessels of two distinct diameter classes, wood not ring-porous

Vessels per square millimetre

- 46. ≤ 5 vessels per square millimetre
- 47. $5\text{--}20$ vessels per square millimetre
- 48. $20\text{--}40$ vessels per square millimetre
- 49. $40\text{--}100$ vessels per square millimetre
- 50. ≥ 100 vessels per square millimetre

Tyloses and deposits in vessels

- 56. Tyloses common
- 57. Tyloses sclerotic
- 58. Gums and other deposits in heartwood vessels

Wood vesselless

- 59. Wood vesselless

Tracheids and fibres

- 60. Vascular/vasicentric tracheids present

Ground tissue fibres

- 61. Fibres with simple to minutely bordered pits
- 62. Fibres with distinctly bordered pits
- 63. Fibre pits common in both radial and tangential walls
- 64. Helical thickenings in ground tissue fibres

Septate fibres and parenchyma-like fibre bands

- 65. Septate fibres present
- 66. Non-septate fibres present
- 67. Parenchyma-like fibre bands alternating with ordinary fibres

Fibre wall thickness

- 68. Fibres very thin-walled
- 69. Fibres thin- to thick-walled
- 70. Fibres very thick-walled

Axial parenchyma

- 75. Axial parenchyma absent or extremely rare

Apotracheal axial parenchyma

- 76. Axial parenchyma diffuse
- 77. Axial parenchyma diffuse-in-aggregates

Paratracheal axial parenchyma

- 78. Axial parenchyma scanty paratracheal
- 79. Axial parenchyma vasicentric
- 80. Axial parenchyma aliform
 - 81. Axial parenchyma lozenge-aliform
 - 82. Axial parenchyma winged-aliform
- 83. Axial parenchyma confluent
- 84. Axial parenchyma unilateral paratracheal

Banded parenchyma

- 85. Axial parenchyma bands more than three cells wide
- 86. Axial parenchyma in narrow bands or lines up to three cells wide
- 87. Axial parenchyma reticulate
- 88. Axial parenchyma scalariform
- 89. Axial parenchyma in marginal or in seemingly marginal bands

Axial parenchyma cell type/strand length

- 90. Fusiform parenchyma cells
- 91. Two cells per parenchyma strand
- 92. Four (3–4) cells per parenchyma strand
- 93. Eight (5–8) cells per parenchyma strand
- 94. Over eight cells per parenchyma strand
- 95. Unlignified parenchyma

Rays***Ray width***

- 96. Rays exclusively uniseriate
- 97. Ray width 1 to 3 cells
- 98. Larger rays commonly 4- to 10-seriate
- 99. Larger rays commonly > 10-seriate
- 100. Rays with multiseriate portion(s) as wide as uniseriate portions

Aggregate rays

- 101. Aggregate rays

Ray height

- 102. Ray height > 1 mm

Rays of two distinct sizes

- 103. Rays of two distinct sizes

Rays: cellular composition

- 104. All ray cells procumbent
- 105. All ray cells upright and/or square
- 106. Body ray cells procumbent with one row of upright and/or square marginal cells
- 107. Body ray cells procumbent with mostly 2–4 rows of upright and/or square marginal cells
- 108. Body ray cells procumbent with over 4 rows of upright and/or square marginal cells
- 109. Rays with procumbent, square and upright cells mixed throughout the ray

Sheath cells

- 110. Sheath cells

Tile cells

- 111. Tile cells

Perforated ray cells

- 112. Perforated ray cells

Disjunctive ray parenchyma cell walls

113. Disjunctive ray parenchyma cell walls

Rays per millimetre

114. $\leq 4/\text{mm}$
115. 4–12/mm
116. $\geq 12/\text{mm}$

Wood rayless

117. Wood rayless

Storied structure

118. All rays storied
119. Low rays storied, high rays non-storied.
120. Axial parenchyma and/or vessel elements storied
121. Fibres storied
122. Rays and/or axial elements irregularly storied

Secretory elements and cambial variants***Oil and mucilage cells***

124. Oil and/or mucilage cells associated with ray parenchyma
125. Oil and/or mucilage cells associated with axial parenchyma
126. Oil and/or mucilage cells present among fibres

Intercellular canals

127. Axial canals in long tangential lines
128. Axial canals in short tangential lines
129. Axial canals diffuse
130. Radial canals
131. Intercellular canals of traumatic origin

Tubes / tubules

132. Laticifers or tanniferous tubes

Cambial variants

133. Included phloem, concentric
134. Included phloem, diffuse
135. Other cambial variants

Mineral inclusions***Prismatic crystals***

136. Prismatic crystals present
137. Prismatic crystals in upright and/or square ray cells
138. Prismatic crystals in procumbent ray cells
139. Prismatic crystals in radial alignment in procumbent ray cells
140. Prismatic crystals in chambered upright and/or square ray cells
141. Prismatic crystals in non-chambered axial parenchyma cells
142. Prismatic crystals in chambered axial parenchyma cells
143. Prismatic crystals in fibres

Druses

144. Druses present
145. Druses in ray parenchyma cells
146. Druses in axial parenchyma cells
147. Druses in fibres
148. Druses in chambered cells

Other crystal types

- 149. Raphides
- 150. Acicular crystals
- 151. Styloids and/or elongate crystals
- 152. Crystals of other shapes (mostly small)
- 153. Crystal sand

Other diagnostic crystal features

- 154. More than one crystal of about the same size per cell or chamber
- 155. Two distinct sizes of crystals per cell or chamber
- 156. Crystals in enlarged cells
- 157. Crystals in tyloses
- 158. Cystoliths

Silica

- 159. Silica bodies present
 - 160. Silica bodies in ray cells
 - 161. Silica bodies in axial parenchyma cells
 - 162. Silica bodies in fibres
- 163. Vitreous silica

Appendix 2

Explanation of codes for microscopic softwood features (IAWA 1989) used in the plate legends.

ANATOMICAL FEATURES**Growth rings*****Presence of growth ring boundaries***

- 40. Growth ring boundaries distinct
- 41. Growth ring boundaries indistinct or absent

Transition from earlywood to latewood

- 42. Abrupt
- 43. Gradual

Tracheids***Tracheid pitting in radial walls (in earlywood only)***

- 44. (predominantly) Uniseriate
- 45. (predominantly) Two or more seriate

Arrangement of (two or more seriate) tracheid pitting in radial walls (earlywood only)

- 46. Opposite
- 47. Alternate

Organic deposits (in heartwood tracheids)

- 48. Present

Intercellular spaces throughout the wood (in transverse section)

- 53. Present

Latewood tracheid wall thickness

- 54. Thin-walled (double wall thickness less than radial lumen diameter)
- 55. Thick-walled (double wall thickness larger than radial lumen diameter)

Torus (pits in earlywood tracheids only)

- 56. Present
- 57. Scalloped

Torus extensions

- 58. Present

Pits with notched borders

59. Present

Warty layer (visible under the light microscope)

60. Present

Helical and other wall thickenings***Helical thickenings in tracheids******Helical thickenings in longitudinal tracheids (presence)***

61. Present

Helical thickenings (in longitudinal tracheids - location)

62. Present throughout the growth increment

63. Well developed only in earlywood

64. Well developed only in latewood

Helical thickenings (in longitudinal tracheids - whether single or grouped)

65. Single

66. Grouped (double or triple)

Helical thickenings (in longitudinal tracheids - spacing, earlywood tracheids only)

67. Narrowly spaced (number of coils more than 120 per mm)

68. Widely spaced (number of coils less than 120 per mm)

Helical thickenings in ray tracheids

69. Commonly present

70. (present but) Rare

Callitroid thickenings

71. Present

Axial parenchyma***Axial parenchyma (excl. epithelial and subsidiary cells of intercellular canals)***

72. Present

Arrangement of axial parenchyma

73. Diffuse (evenly scattered throughout the entire growth increment)

74. Tangentially zonate

75. Marginal

Transverse end walls

76. Smooth

77. Irregularly thickened

78. Beaded or nodular

Ray composition***Ray tracheids***

79. Commonly present

80. Absent or very rare

Cell walls of ray tracheids

81. Smooth

82. Dentate

83. Reticulate

Ray tracheid pit borders angular or with dentate thickenings (radial section, Larix & Picea only)

84. Present

End walls of ray parenchyma cells

85. Smooth (unpitted)

86. Distinctly pitted

Horizontal walls of ray parenchyma cells

- 87. Smooth (unpitted)
- 88. Distinctly pitted

Indentures

- 89. Present

Cross-field pitting

- 90. “Window-like” (fenestriform)
- 91. Pinoid
- 92. Piceoid
- 93. Cupressoid
- 94. Taxodioid
- 95. Araucarioid

Number of pits per cross-field (earlywood only – categories)

- 97. (large window-like) 1–2
- 98. 1–3
- 99. 3–5
- 100. 6 or more

Ray size***Average ray height (number of cells)***

- 102. Very low (up to 4 cells)
- 103. Medium (5 to 15 cells)
- 104. High (from 16 to 30 cells)
- 105. Very high (more than 30 cells)

Ray width (cells)

- 107. Exclusively uniseriate
- 108. 2–3-seriate in part

Intercellular canals***Axial intercellular (resin) canals***

- 109. Present

Radial intercellular (resin) canals

- 110. Present

Traumatic (resin) canals (axial, radial)

- 111. Present

Epithelial cells (of intercellular canals)

- 116. Thick-walled
- 117. Thin-walled

Mineral inclusions***Crystals***

- 118. Present

Type of crystals

- 119. Prismatic
- 120. Druses
- 121. Other forms (specify)

Crystals located in

- 122. Rays
 - 123. Axial parenchyma
 - 124. Cells associated with intercellular canals
-