



***Schinopsis spp.***

**Family: Anacardiaceae**

**Quebracho**

**Other Common Names:** Barauva, Brauna, Quebracho hembra (Brazil), Quebracho colorado, Q. chaqueno, Q. santiagueno (Argentina).

**Distribution:** Botanical range extends over northern Argentina, western Paraguay, a small portion of Bolivia, and to the interior of the state of Bahia in Brazil.

**The Tree:** Scrubby growth 30 to 50 ft high; 12 to 36 in. in diameter. Trunks are often bent and twisted and swollen at the base. *S. balansae* reported to reach a height of 80 ft. and a diameter of 60 in.

**The Wood:**

**General Characteristics:** Heartwood light red, deepening to brick red, uniform or with black streaks; distinct but not sharply demarcated from the yellowish sapwood. Luster low to medium; texture fine and uniform; grain irregular, often roey; odor not distinctive, taste astringent. Heartwood contains 20 to 30% tannin.

**Weight:** Basic specific gravity (ovendry weight/green volume) 1.00; air-dry density 75 pcf.

**Mechanical Properties:** (Standard not known)

Moisture content (%)	Bending strength (Psi)	Modulus of elasticity (1,000 psi)	Maximum crushing strength (Psi)
15% (69)	19,800	2,190	NA
15% (69)	13,800	1,950	8,900

**Drying and Shrinkage:** Reported to check and warp severely, particularly when cut into thin boards. A kiln schedule similar to T1 -B1 has been suggested. No data available on shrinkage values.

**Working Properties:** Very difficult to work, especially when dry, but takes a high natural polish.

**Durability:** Highly durable, though standing trees are often defective as a result of heart rot.

**Preservation:** No data available.

**Uses:** Tannin extraction, railroad cross-ties, heavy construction, fence posts, poles, fuel.

**Additional Reading:** (56), (69)

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