

# TOXIC WOODS CHART

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Wood	Source	Reactions	Notes
Abura / Bahia	Dust, wood, splinters	Nausea, giddiness, eye irritation, vomiting	Rare occurrence
Acrocarpa/Cedar, Pink			Moderately toxic
Afara, Black/Idigbo	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, rash, nose and gum bleeding, respiratory problems	Toxic, splinters go septic
Afromosia	Dust, wood, splinters	Dermatitis, eye, rhinitis, respiratory, asthma	Effects nervous system. Splinters go septic Rare occurrence
Afzelia / Doussie	Dust	Dermatitis, asthma nose and throat irritant	
Agba	Dust	Dermatitis	
Albizia /Batai	Dust	Dermatitis, rhinitis, nausea, nose, eyes and alimentary tract irritant	
Alder	Dust, smoke	Eye, respiratory, ingestion, skin	Common occurrence
Alligator Juniper		Dermatitis, respiratory	Toxic
Almond	Dust, smoke	Respiratory, ingestion	cyanide poison
Amboyna	Dust	Asthma, nausea, dermatitis	
Andiroba/crabwood	Dust	Dermatitis, respiratory,, eye irritation	Rare occurrence
Angelico	Dust	Eye, dermatitis, respiratory	Rare occurrence
Apricot	Kernel, kernel dust	Ingestion	Seed kernel extremely toxic contains cyanogenic glycosides
Arbor vitae	Dust	Respiratory	Rare occurrence
Araracanga		Dermatitis, respiratory	Toxic
Ash (all forms)	Dust	Dermatitis, rhinitis, respiratory, headaches, vomiting	Reduced lung function, Asthma
Aspen	Dust, wood	dermatitis, respiratory	
Avodire	Dust	Dermatitis, coughing, nosebleeds, internal bleeding	

Ayan/movingui	Dust	Dermatitis	
Balsam Fir	Dust, leaves bark	Eyes, respiratory, dermatitis	Common occurrence
Bamboo		Dermatitis	
Bean, Black	Dust	Dermatitis	
Basralocus/angelique			
Beech	Dust, leaves, bark	Dermatitis eyes, nose, nasopharyngeal cancer	Common occurrence
Bibu	Dust, sap	Eye Irritant, severe dermatitis	Toxic, Blisters
Bilinga	Dust, wood	Coughing, respiratory, nosebleeds	
Birch (all forms)	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, respiratory, asthma	Common occurrence Mildly toxic
Black Locust	Leaves, bark	Dermatitis, eyes, nausea	Common occurrence Mildly toxic
Black Bean	Dust	Dermatitis, nose, eyes, throat, armpits, genitals	
Blackwood (all forms)	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, eyes	Common occurrence Mildly toxic
Bloodwood / Satine	Dust	Nausea, excretion, thirst	
Bloodwood, Red	Dust	Dermatitis, headache, giddiness, cramps, asthma, bronchitis	
Blue Gum	Dust, wood	Dermatitis	
Bocote		Dermatitis	Cross reactions
Bois Corne			Toxic
Bollywood	Dust	Dermatitis	
Box Elder	Dust	Dermatitis, rhinitis, asthma	
Box, Grey	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, coughing, eczema	
Boxwood	Dust, wood, sap	Dermatitis, eyes	Common occurrence
Brazilwood	Wood	Dermatitis, headaches, nausea, visual disturbance	Toxic
Bread Nut	Dust	Nausea, excretion, thirst	Toxic
Brigalow	Dust, wood, bark	Nose, eye, throat and Groin dermatitis	

Bubinga (see Rosewoods)	.Dust, sap	Dermatitis, skin lesions possible	
Buckeye, Yellow	Nuts, twigs		Contains aescin, a cytotoxin
Buckthorn	Sap	Dermatitis	
Bulletwood		Dermatitis	
Butternut	Dust	Dermatitis, conjunctivitis	
Camphor	Dust	Respiratory inhibitor. Dermatitis	Toxic, cancer
Caroba	Dust	Dermatitis	
Cashew	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, eyes	Nut highly poisonous when raw Rare occurrence
Cebil / Curupay			Moderately toxic
Cedar, American	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, allergic contact	Common occurrence
Cedar, Australian Red	Dust	Dermatitis, coughing, headache, cramps, asthma	
Cedar, Brazilian	Dust, wood	Severe dermatitis, asthma, possible nasal cancer	
Cedar of Lebanon	Dust	Asthma, rhinitis	Tight Chest, Respiratory disorder
Cedar, Port Orford	Dust, extractives	Dermatitis, earache, giddiness, cramps, renal problems	Moderately toxic
Cedar, South American	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, nose and throat irritant, asthma, skin blisters, swollen eyelids.	Common occurrence Nasal cancer.
Cedar, Virginian Pencil	Dust	Respiratory problems, dermatitis.	
Cedar, White	Dust, wood	Dermatitis	Common occurrence
Chechen/Chechem/Rosewood, Caribbean (all forms)	Dust, wood, sap	Dermatitis, asthma, respiratory, eyes	Rare occurrence Very toxic
Cherry American	Dust	Wheezing, Giddiness	
Cherry, Black	Dust	Asthma, giddiness	
Cherry, Brazilian / Jatoba / Courbaril	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, nose and throat irritant	Common occurrence
Chestnut, Sweet	Bark, lichens	Dermatitis	Toxic
Chinaberry		Dermatitis, respiratory, headaches	

Coachwood	Dust	Dermatitis	
Cocobolo	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, eyes, respiratory	Common occurrence
Cocuswood	Dust, wood	Dermatitis	
Coolibah	Dust, wood, bark	Dermatitis	Toxic
Cooliman Tree		Blindness	Very toxic, Assume everything
Cottonwood, Poplar, Balm-of-Gilead, Eastern	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, sneezing, asthma	
Courbaril	Dust	Skin	
Cypress, Bald	Dust	Respiratory	Rare occurrence
Cypress, Australian / Cypress-Pine, White	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, conjunctivitis, Asthma, nasal irritant	Nasal cancer Rare occurrence
Dahoma / Dabema	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, sneezing, coughing, nose bleeds, eyes	General irritant Common occurrence
Diospyros Ebony/Gabon, Macassar	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, conjunctivitis, coughing	Common occurrence
Douglas Fir	Dust, wood	Rhinitis, respiratory, dermatitis	Nasal Cancer, Splinters go septic
Ebony (all forms)	Dust, wood	Conjunctivitis, sneezing eyes, dermatitis	General irritant Common occurrence
Ekki / Azobe	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, itching	
Elm (all forms)	Dust	Dermatitis, eyes nose throat irritant.	Nasal Cancer Rare occurrence
Eucalyptus, Bluegum	Dust, wood	Dermatitis	
Eucalyptus, White Ironbark	Dust	Coughing, asthma	
Eyoum		Dermatitis, respiratory	
Fir, Douglas	Dust	Dermatitis, rhinitis, bronchial effects, nasal cancer, eyes and throat irritation	Rare occurrence Nasopharyngeal cancer
Freijo/cordia	Dust, wood	Dermatitis	
Garapa		Dermatitis	
Gaboon/okoume	Dust, wood	Asthma, coughing, dermatitis and eye	
Gedu Nohor / Tiama	Dust, wood	Dermatitis	Rare occurrence
Gonalco Aves /	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, eye	Rare occurrence

Muiracatiara			
Grasstree		Dermatitis	
Greenheart	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, eyes, respiratory, cardiac and Intestinal disorder	Common occurrence, Splinters go septic Highly toxic
Grenadill	Dust, wood	Dermatitis	
Grey Box	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, throat, nose. eczema	
Guanacaste	Dust	Mucous membrane irritation,	General allergenic irritation
Guarea	Dust, sap	Nausea, headache, eyes, respiratory, dermatitis	Rare occurrence Highly toxic
Gum (all forms)	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, rhinitis, coughing	
Hemlock	Dust	Respiratory, dermatitis, rhinitis, asthma eczema, bronchial problems,	Rare occurrence, Nasopharyngeal cancer
Idigbo	Dust	Dermatitis, respiratory problems	
Imbuia	Dust	Nose, eye, dermatitis, sneezing	
Indian Laurel	Dust		
Ipe	Dust	Eyes, respiratory, dermatitis	Rare occurrence
Iroko	Dust, wood	Eyes, dermatitis, respiratory	Common occurrence pneumoitis alveolotis Highly toxic
Ivorywood	Dust	Dermatitis	
Ironwood/ Tesota	Dust	Rhinitis, Sneezing	
Jacaranda Do Para	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, asthma	
Jacaranda Pardo	Dust, wood	General allergenic. dermatitis	
Jacareuba/Santa Maria	Dust, wood	Kidney damage, fainting, insomnia, lost appetite. dermatitis	
Jarrah	Dust	Eyes, nose, throat dermatitis, coughing	
Jatoba		Dermatitis	
Jelutong	Dust, wood	Allergies, dermatitis	
Jutahy / Limoncillo			Mildly toxic
Katalox	Dust	Respiratory	

Katon		Eyes, respiratory, dermatitis	Rare occurrence
Keruing		Dermatitis	
Kingwood	Dust, wood	Eye, dermatitis, asthma	Common occurrence
Kokko	Dust	Dermatitis, rhinitis eyes, nose, throat	
Korina/Afara/Limba	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, respiratory problems, sepsis	
Kwila/Merbau	Dust	Dermatitis, rhinitis	
Laburnum	Seeds	Poisoning, death	Highly toxic
Lacewood/Silky-Oak	Dust, sap	Dermatitis	
Lancewood, Red	Dust	Dermatitis	Toxic
Larch (all forms)	Dust, bark	Dermatitis, coughing, rhinitis, asthma	
Lauan (Meranti)	Dust	Dermatitis, coughing	General irritant..
Laurel	dust		
Leadwood		Dermatitis	
Lignum Vitae (all forms)	Dust	Dermatitis	Toxic
Limba	Dust	Dermatitis, respiratory, asthma, nose and gums bleeding	Splinters go septic
Mahogany (all forms)	Dust	Dermatitis, eyes, respiratory, giddiness, vomiting. Boils, asthma, headache, nosebleeds	Common occurrence Nasal Cancer, pneumoitis alveolotis African form is highly toxic
Makore	Dust, wood	Nose, throat nosebleeds, nausea, headaches, giddiness, dermatitis	Rare occurrence Toxic. Can affect blood and central nervous system
Manchineel	Dust, wood, leaves, bark	Severe dermatitis, nausea, poisoning, death	Highly toxic
Mansonia / Bete	Dust, wood, bark, sap	Dermatitis nausea, malaise nosebleeds, sneezing, asthma, respiratory problems, headaches, nausea, vomiting, cardiac disorders.	Common occurrence Severe irritant. Bark highly toxic Splinters go septic
Manzinilla	Dust, wood	Respiratory	Common occurrence
Maple (all forms except Queensland)	Dust	Dermatitis, rhinitis, asthma	Common occurrence Highly toxic

Maple, Queensland	Dust, wood	Dermatitis	Toxic
Maple (spalted)	Dust, mold	Respiratory, pneumoitis alveolitis, nausea, malaise	Common occurrence Highly toxic
Marupa	Dust	Respiratory	
Meranti/lauan		Dermatitis, nose, eyes and throat irritation	
Merbau	Dust	Rhinitis. dermatitis, general irritant	
Mescalbean	Seeds	Hallucination, poisoning, death	Highly toxic
Messmate		Dermatitis, asthma, nose, eyes and throat irritation	
Mesquite / Algarrobo Del Brasil	Dust	Respiratory, dermatitis, coughing	
Milky mangrove	Sap	irritation to eyes and/or temporary blindness, headache, burning of throat, blistering of skin	Highly toxic
Mimosa	Leaves, bark	Respiratory, nausea, malaise, pneumonia	Common occurrence Direct toxin
Missanda	Dust	Respiratory, headache, giddiness, nausea, disorders of bowels and stomach	
Miva Mahogany	Dust	Lung congestion, nose bleeds, facial swelling. lost appetite, headaches. dermatitis	
Molopangady		Dermatitis	
Monkeypod		Eyes	
Morado	Dust	Dermatitis	
Movingui / Ayan	Dust	Dermatitis	
Muhuhu	Dust, wood	Dermatitis	
Mulga	Dust, leaves, sap	Nose, throat and eye irritant. Vomiting, headaches, dermatitis	
Muninga	Dust	Bronchial asthma. nasal irritant. dermatitis	
Myrtle (all forms)	Dust, Leaves, bark	Respiratory, mucous membrane	

Narra / Amboyna (Burl)	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, coughing, nausea	
Needlewood	Bark	Dermatitis	
New Zealand White Pine	Dust	Nose, throat, dermatitis	
Oak (all forms)	Dust, leaves, bark, greenwood	Asthma, sneezing. nose, eye irritant, dermatitis	Rare occurrence Dust protection needed Nasal Cancer
Obeche	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, nettle rash, asthma, lung congestion, wheezing, sneezing	Common occurrence Highly toxic
Okoume / Gaboon	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, asthma, coughing	
Oleander	Dust, wood, leaves, bark	Nausea Cardiac malaise, cancer, death	Common occurrence Extremely toxic, direct toxin
Olive	Dust, wood	Eye, dermatitis, respiratory	Common occurrence
Opepe	Dust, wood	Mucous membrane irritant. giddiness, visual disturbance, nosebleeds, blood spitting. dermatitis	Rare occurrence
Orangewood	Dust	Respiratory	Rare occurrence
Osage Orange	Sap	Dermatitis	
Padauk (all forms)	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, nausea, malaise swelling, Itching, Nasal irritant, Vomiting, Asthma.	Common occurrence General irritant
Parinari		Dermatitis	
Palissandre, Madagascar	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, asthma	
Partridge Wood / Angelin			
Pau Marfim / Brazilian Maple,	Dust	Rhinitis, asthma. dermatitis	
Pepper, Brazilian	Sap	Dermatitis	
Peroba Rosa	Dust, wood	Severe dermatitis, asthma, headache, nausea, fainting, cramps respiratory, sweating, fainting, drowsiness, weakness, blisters	
Peroba, White	Dust, wood	Respiratory, dermatitis, asthma, nasal irritant, splinters go septic	Common occurrence



Persimmon	Dust, wood	Dermatitis	
Pheasantwood	Powder in wood cavities	Dermatitis, respiratory	
Pine (all forms)	Dust, wood	Asthma, rhinitis, dermatitis	Common occurrence
Pink Ivory	Bark, fruit, sap	Dermatitis.	Poisonous
Poplar	Dust, wood	Sneezing, eye irritant, Asthma, Bronchitis, Dermatitis	
Port Orford Cedar	Dust, sap	Irritant to eyes and lungs, violent earache, giddiness, stomach cramps,. dermatitis. Inhalation of freshly sawn wood fumes/dust can cause kidney problems etc	
Primavera	Dust, wood	Dermatitis	
Purpleheart	Dust, wood	Nausea, malaise	Common occurrence
Quebracho	Dust, leaves, bark	Nasal irritant nausea, malaise nasopharyngeal cancer respiratory problems,	Nasopharyngeal cancer Common occurrence
Ramin	Dust, bark	Coughing, shivering, sweating, redness, reduced lung capacity, skin irritant. dermatitis., splinters	Rare occurrence
Rata	Dust	Nose, eye irritant, dermatitis	
Red Cedar (all forms)	Dust, leaves, bark	Nose throat irritant, violent headache, dermatitis, giddiness, stomach cramps, asthma, bronchitis respiratory	Toxic
Red Siris	Dust	Nosebleeds, dermatitis, conjunctivitis, giddiness,	
Redwood	Dust	Pneumoitis alveolitis nasopharyngeal cancer, eyes, skin, respiratory	Rare occurrence
Rengas	Dust, bark, sap	Chronic Intestinal Ulcers, Blistering, Dermatitis	General irritant
Rimu	Dust	Dermatitis, eye & nose irritation	
Robinia	Dust, leaves, bark	Eye, skin irritant, nausea, malaise	
Rosewood (all forms)	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, asthma, eyes, respiratory	Common occurrence General irritant
Saffron	Dust, splinters	Heart Irritant, respiratory, dermatitis	

Sapele	Dust	Dermatitis, coughing, sneezing	
Sassafras	Dust, wood, leaves, bark, sap	Direct toxin nasopharyngeal cancer, respiratory nausea, malaise, dermatitis	Rare occurrence
Satine	Dust	Respiratory, thirst, nausea, excessive salivation	
Satinwood (all forms)	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, giddiness, respiratory, nausea, eyes, headache, swollen scrotum, nasal irritant, lethargy, visual disturbances	Common occurrence
Sequoia (Redwood)	Dust	Asthma, wheezing, dermatitis, , hypersensitivity, pneumonia, respiratory irritant	Rare occurrence Nasal cancer
Shittim	Dust	Dermatitis, respiratory	
Silktree	Leaves, bark	Nausea	
Sipo / Utile	Dust, wood	Dermatitis	
Siris, Red	dust	Dermatitis, nosebleeds, giddiness	
Sissoo		Dermatitis	See rosewoods
Sitka Spruce	Dust	Respiratory irritant, asthma, rhinitis, dermatitis	
Snakewood	Dust, wood	Respiratory, nausea, expectoration, thirst, salivation	Rare occurrence
Sneezewood			
Southern Blue Gum	Dust, wood	Dermatitis	
Spotted Gum	Dust, wood	Dermatitis	
Spruce (all forms)	Dust, wood	Nose, throat and respiratory irritant	Rare occurrence
Stavewood	Dust, wood	Respiratory	Rare occurrence
Stinkwood	Dust	Nasal irritant	
Strychnine Tree		Highly toxic / poisoning, death	
Sucupira	Dust, wood	Contact dermatitis	Rare occurrence
Sumac	Dust, bark	Blisters from bark, severe dermatitis	
Sumac, African	Bark. sap	Dermatitis	
Sweet Chestnut	Bark, lichens	Dermatitis	

Sweet Gum American	Dust	Dermatitis	Reactions are rare
Sydney Blue Gum	Dust, wood	Nose, Throat. Dermatitis	
Tamboti	Dust, sap, bark, smoke	Eyes, Skin Blisters, severe dermatitis, blindness, diarrhea	Strong irritant Direct toxin
Tatajuba	Dust, wood	Dermatitis	
Taun	Dust	Rhinitis, Dermatitis	
Teak	Dust	Pneumoitis alveolotis, eyes, dermatitis, respiratory	Common occurrence Highly toxic
Thuya		Dermatitis	
Tigerwood	Dust	Eyes, dermatitis	
Tree of heaven	Dust, sap, thorns	Dermatitis, vomiting, diarrhea	
Tulipwood	Dust, wood	Dermatitis, asthma	
Turpentine	Dust	Mucous Membranes irritant, coughing	
Tzalam	Dust	Respiratory	Flu like symptoms
Utile	Dust, wood	Dermatitis	
Verawood	Dust	Respiratory	
Walnut (all forms)	Dust, wood	Eye, nose, throat irritant, dermatitis, respiratory	Common occurrence Nasal Cancer
Wenge / Partridgewood / Panga Panga	Dust, wood	Eyes, dermatitis, respiratory problems, sepsis, drowsiness, visual problems, stomach cramps	Common occurrence
White Baltic		Dermatitis, asthma	
Whitewood American	Dust	General allergenic, dermatitis	
Willow	Dust, wood, leaves, bark	Nausea, malaise, respiratory	Rare occurrence Allergic reaction similar to aspirin
Yew	Dust, wood, sap, leaves	Headaches, nausea, fainting, intestinal irritation, visual disturbance, lung congestion, reduced blood pressure, death	Common occurrence direct toxin, nasopharyngeal cancer Extreme toxic,
Zebrawood/Zebrano	Dust, wood	Dermatitis. asthma, breathing difficulty	Rare occurrence
Zircote		Dermatitis	Cross reactions

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