



Myrtle Burl

BOTANICAL NAMES

Myrtus communis.

It belongs to the Myrtaceae family.

TRADE NAMES

Myrtle - France

Myrtle - Great Britain

Mirto - Italy

GROWTH AREA

The myrtle grows throughout the Mediterranean to the Middle East. It is mostly cultivated in parks and gardens. The tree is of modest size, often remains in a bushy state in the Mediterranean maquis of the Lauretum area.

TECHNOLOGICAL FEATURES

Sapwood and heartwood are not clearly differentiated; the wood has various shades ranging from reddish gray to light brown. Fine-textured and with a rather variable grain, it is heavy, compact, but not very durable.

DRYING METHOD

Although it does not present any difficulty during the drying process, it is best to proceed slowly.

SPECIFIC WEIGHT

When seasoned in the air, it has an average specific weight of 1,000 kg/m³.

MAIN USES AND WORKING

Although it is hardwood, myrtle is easy to work with. It is generally used for turning and carving. From this wood are obtained handles of tools and utensils. The valuable burl is required for small furniture and home furnishings.

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and perfection is not a
detail."