



Yew

BOTANICAL NAMES

Taxus baccata.

It belongs to the Taxaceae family

TRADE NAMES

Yew - Italy, France

Yew - England

GROWTH AREA

The tree grows in parks and gardens all over Europe, up to a latitude of 60°. It can be found also in Asia Minor, in Caucasus and in Algeria.

TECHNOLOGICAL FEATURES

Sapwood is narrow, whitish-yellow in color. The heartwood, on the other hand, while generally light brown in color, can also acquire reddish-brown or orange-brown tones, especially in very old specimens. Yew is decorative, compact, and usually has mechanical characteristics similar to ash even though it has no affinity with it.

DRYING METHOD

Tending only on rare occasions to crack, this wood is easily dried

SPECIFIC WEIGHT

At 12% humidity, its specific weight can be estimated at 700 Kg/mc.

MAIN USES AND WORKING

Easy to work, this wood is sanded and finished in an excellent way. Recently it has been particularly requested by the English furniture industry, which uses it for the realization of art furniture, in traditional styles and in particular those that evoke the naval style. Normally the Yew is found in parks and gardens, therefore it is little commercialized. This little commercialization makes it particularly attractive and sought after by art furniture makers.

OTHER VARIETIES

In addition to the European yew, there are other varieties in various non-European areas among which we can mention the following species:

Taxus brevifolia (America)

Taxus canadensis (Canada)

Taxus cuspidata (Japan)

Taxus chinensi (China)

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and perfection is not a
detail."