

CLARO OR CALIFORNIA WALNUT

Juglans hindsii, Juglans californica



Source: Salvaged

Region: California

Grain/Texture: Claro Walnut has a medium texture. The grain is usually straight, but can be irregular. Claro Walnut can also be found with figured grain patterns such as: curly, crotch, and burl.

Color: Heartwood can range from a lighter pale brown to a dark chocolate brown with darker brown streaks. Color can sometimes have a gray, purple, or reddish cast. Sapwood is nearly white. Wood from orchard trees that have been grafted with English Walnut which may have a colorful/streaked appearance near the graft, which is sometimes referred to as "marbled Claro Walnut."

Qualities: Highly figured and iridescent, Claro Walnut is a hardwood and very durable.

Uses: Live edge tables, Furniture, cabinetry, gunstocks, musical instruments, veneer, turned items, and other small wooden objects.

Sustainability Info: Very vulnerable due to the decline of natural range from increased urban and agriculture conversion, and hybridization.

Interesting Facts: Trees grow 30-60 ft tall with a trunk diameter of 3-5 ft. Historically Claro Walnut ranged from San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys to the California coastal range including San Francisco Bay Area. Its natural range has been diminished and fragmented; Claro Walnut is grown in orchards.