

Major New Hampshire Species and Their Uses

Hardwoods

Sugar Maple

Wood is heavy, strong and takes stain and polish well.
Products: furniture, flooring, woodenware, toys, syrup.

Red Maple

Medium density wood
Products: furniture parts, containers, pallets

Yellow Birch

Medium density wood with attractive color and grain
Products: furniture, cabinets, veneer, woodenware

White Birch

Less dense than yellow birch, turns well
Products: turnings, woodenware, spools, tongue depressors

Beech

Wood is heavy and strong, machines well
Products: furniture parts, containers, handles, pallets, clothes pins

Red Oak

Heavy strong wood, machines well, attractive “open” grain
Products: furniture, flooring, cabinets, millwork, woodenware

White Ash

Strong wood with excellent bending and shock resistant properties
Products: furniture, tool handles, bats, oars, snowshoes, millwork, baskets

Aspen (poplar)

A soft, light wood
Products: turnings, papers, pallets, lath

Softwoods

White Pine

Wood is light, soft, easily worked, takes paint and stain
Products: Millwork, cabinets, furniture, toys, paper, siding, paneling

Spruce

Light weight, soft, strong for its weight, stiff
Products: construction lumber, paper

Balsam Fir

Soft, light wood
Products: construction lumber, paper

Hemlock

Wood is coarse, moderately heavy and strong
Products: construction lumber, pallet, paper