

Wood-sample record

Print one record per sample. Use the same ID on the storage label and photographs. Record claimed identity separately from observations. Measure dimensions in millimeters. Keep a tentative identification at the level the evidence supports.

Hypothetical example: W-003; donor label says oak; conspicuous end-grain openings in bands; broad flecks on one long face; precise species unconfirmed. Compare against a documented reference.

Sample ID / record date	
Supplier or donor / acquired date	
Claimed name / evidence for label	
Dimensions in mm / surface finish	
End-grain observations	
Long-surface observations	
Photograph filenames / scale	
Reference compared / page or URL	
Tentative botanical identification	
Confidence / unresolved alternatives	
Expert result / date / reference	
Storage location / next action	

USDA Forest Products Laboratory: wood identification

Full guide: <https://yenra.com/wood/>