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Dalbergia cearensis

TULIPWOOD is a tree. Native to Brazil it has small fragrant, pea-like flowers.

It is also known as Brazilian kingwood, Brazil tulipwood, Kingwood, and Violeta.

The wood, as veneer, was used for the streamlined body of the first aeroplane built without an internal skeleton. It was made by the French in 1912-1913 (the Deperdussin racer).

Today it can still be used for marquetry and turning, as well as for making small objects.