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Peltogyne paniculata

PURPLEHEART is a tree. Native to tropical America it has grey bark.

It is also known as Amaranth, *Sucupira* (Guyanese), and Violet wood.

The dull brown wood which contains iron turns dark purple upon exposure to air and black when soaked in water.

Paniculata means ‘pyramidal flower clusters’.

This durable wood with its striped figuring has been used for carving, veneering, general construction, boatbuilding, dock construction and flooring, and has also been used for building interiors. It has been made into a wide range of products as well including furniture, sports equipment and tool handles. (Apparently the wood has been used for decades for making billiard cues.)