



A Guide for Developing A Wood Collection

We are fortunate to have available many different woods from all over the world. Fascination with the beautiful colors of wood, its interesting grain and figure, and the pleasure and challenge of working with wood has inspired many people to begin a wood collection.

In a conversational tone, this Guide explains how to get started in wood collecting and how to develop and maintain your collection. Written by International Wood Collectors Society (IWCS) members Samuel H. Lamb and Alan B. Curtis and published by the Forest Products Society for the IWCS, this informative Guide has been revised and expanded since its original printing in 1976. Whether your collection is wood specimens or crafted items, the Guide offers practical information and advice. Wood collecting provides an opportunity for adventure and learning in many fields. Color photographs of crafted items and wood specimens are also included. The extensive section of recommended references points out the best information sources on herbarium specimens, nomenclature, on-line databases, periodicals, tree identification, wood anatomy, wood collections, wood identification, wood properties and uses, and wood technology. This collector's Guide is appropriate for a beginner or a seasoned expert.

Subjects covered include:

- Kinds of Wood
- Types of Collections
- How to Build a Collection
- Accurately Identifying Your Collection
- Protecting Your Collection
- How Large Can a Collection Grow
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