

soundwood

working to conserve trees
used to make music

What do trees have to do with music?



Did you know?

Almost half of the original forest cover on Earth — 3 billion hectares — has been lost.

Tree Species Habitats

- North America/Europe Temperate
- Central America/Tropical
- South America/Tropical
- Brazilian Rainforest
- Central Africa/Tropical
- Southern Africa/Dry Tropical
- Southern Asia/Tropical
- Pacific Islands/Tropical

The piano is an instrument of many woods. Unlike the guitar, the woods are usually veneered or painted over so their grain and visual identity are hidden. The soundboard is a crucial part of the instrument and old growth Sitka Spruce has been traditionally used to build them. The casework, belts, and backs have been made from a large variety of woods.

Backs: Hemlock, Sitka Spruce

Casework: Imbuia, Mahogany, Oak, Sapele, Uille, Walnut

Soundboard and Bars: Canadian Spruce, European Spruce, Sitka Spruce

Grand Rims and Belts: Baltic Whitewood, Cherry, Mahogany, Makore, Obeche

Grand Legs: Baltic Redwood, Beech, Mahogany

JAMAICA

PANAMA

COLOMBIA

PERU

BRAZIL

TANZANIA

INDIA

SRI LANKA

MALAYSIA

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