

A pocket wood encyclopedia for iPhone and iPad: over two hundred species you can consult offline

An app for iPhone and iPad collects more than two hundred wood species with all their characteristics, available offline. A reference tool that reflects how we understand this material at PAPIK Group.

At PAPIK Group and Papik Fusters, wood holds a central place, not as a decorative finish but as the structural material we build with. That interest explains the attention we pay to tools that help us know it better, and among them is an app for iPhone and iPad that works as a pocket encyclopedia devoted entirely to wood.

More than two hundred species in a reference index

The app, developed by Double Dog Studios, gathers an index of more than two hundred wood types with their characteristics. It offers content equivalent to what several reference books provide, some of which we keep available at the shop on Carrer Sort, with the advantage that in digital form it travels with you everywhere. A far from minor detail for fieldwork: it needs no Internet connection to run, so it can be consulted on site or in the workshop without depending on coverage.

What each wood entry lets you check

For each species, the entry records the parameters that genuinely shape the choice of a wood for a given project:

- Sustainable origin of the wood
- Hardness
- Durability and resistance
- Common uses
- Geographic origin
- General properties
- Botanical name, source species and other denominations
- Appearance, with an image of the wood

The design is restrained and practical, built so that the information is legible and easy to compare. For those who work with wood every day, and for the enthusiast who wants to choose well, it is a useful resource when deciding which species suits a specific use.

Sustainable origin, a criterion that runs deep

Of all the data it provides, sustainable origin is the field that connects most directly with the way we work. Efficiency matters to us in every area, and it begins with the traceability of the material: knowing where a wood comes from makes it possible to ensure an environmentally respectful process, both in the result and throughout the entire timber construction process. It is the same criterion we apply when we speak of the wood revolution as a material of the twenty-first century.

The app has a known limitation: it is available only for iOS devices, not for Android. Even so, as a source for quick reference on species and properties, it does its job soundly.

Knowing a material well is the first step to building with rigour; wood, well chosen, leaves nothing to improvisation.