

DESERT WOOD

Handcrafted Gifts
Distinctive Desert Wood

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THE WOOD

TAMARISK (*Tamarix sp.*) is an invasive plant that crowds out native plant communities and consumes excessive amounts of water.

Two species, **Salt Cedar** (*T. ramosissima*) which is a deciduous shrub, and **Athel** (*T. aphylla*), an evergreen tree, threaten Death Valley and the Amargosa. Salt Cedar is especially dangerous as its pink flowers produce thousands of tiny wind-borne seeds that disperse widely.

However, it is an attractive wood with an interesting grain, and it finishes to a beautiful luster.

Note: All wood is obtained legally from private property with permission of the owner.

Care: Wood will age naturally and generally darken as time goes by. Turned items are finished with a durable, nontoxic, shellac-based friction polish. Avoiding temperature extremes and rough handling will prolong the life of the finish.

REFILLS

Twist Pens:

Pull the pen apart to separate the top and bottom taking care not to lose the center band

Turn the top of used refill counterclockwise to remove it.

Replace with Cross #8513 or equivalent.

Pencils:

Lead: 0.5 mm lead

Eraser: Replace with Pentel #Z2-1 or equivalent. The eraser may need to be cut in half to fit.

Roller Ball

Unscrew the black nib assembly from the lower barrel taking care not to lose the spring at the top of the barrel.

Replace the spring (large end first) and the cartridge with Pilot G@ Gel Ink or equivalent

Multi Tool:

Blade: Exacto blade #11 or equivalent

MESQUITE (*Prosopis sp.*) is native to the desert Southwest. This slow-growing tree has a distinctive aroma. Root wood is used for fuel, and is good for barbecuing and smoking meats. Native Americans used the seedpods for food.

The sapwood is tan and the heartwood is light to dark brown, often with a golden hue. It is heavy, hard, strong, and stiff (but brittle) with outstanding decay resistance. It sands easily and finishes to a high polish.

Click Pens:

Unscrew the pen in the middle to separate the top and bottom.

Pull the used refill out, taking care not to lose the spring at the tip of the refill.

Replace the spring and the new refill (Parker Pen Refill).

Carefully line up the threads and screw the pen back together. If the new refill does not operate smoothly, place a small amount of lubricant (e.g. Vaseline) on the tube.

Fountain Pen:

Unscrew the black nib assembly from the lower barrel, pull out and either replace the cartridge, /or if using the pump/

Without removing the pump, twist the plunger knob counterclockwise to fully lower the plunger

Dip the nib into the ink; twist the plunger knob clockwise to draw the ink into pump barrel