

Martin Osborne

Warré Hives in Western Red Cedar



1. Martin Osborne runs a small sawmill and will supply western red cedar (WRC) suitable for Warré beehives.
2. For the hive boxes, he cuts timber at 30mm thickness, dries and seasons the wood before planing all round to 25mm finished thickness and planking at 210mm. Wood supplied:
 - a. Cut to lengths 1.4 – 2.0 metre. Price: 4.40GBP per metre.
 - b. Cut to lengths of 300mm and 350mm. Price: 4.60GBP per metre.
3. For all other hive parts (roof, floor, quilt box, feeder) He supplies stock 20mm (approx) thick sawn WRC cladding. All planks are 210mm width. This wood has proved most adequate. Cost per metre 2.20GBP
4. The wood comes with some knots (like Thorne's 'seconds'). Martin can supply 'knot free' at extra cost.
5. Timber can be supplied as hive parts made to Warre's plans:
 - a. A Flat Pack Basic: Pieces for a 4 box hive including floor, roof and quilt box, cut to size; rebates for top bars cut in hive-box front/rear panels but no angle cut on roof front/back panels or groove in top- bars. Hive box wall thickness 25mm, internal dimensions 300mm X 300mm. Mouse-board is cut from Stirling board. No feet/legs supplied.
Price 60 GBP.
 - b. Flat Pack Dowelled. The 'Basic' parts are drilled for dowels (supplied) for quick accurate construction with glue and clamps. Roof front/rear panels are cut to shape.
Price 85 GBP.
 - c. The Assembled Hive. Top bars will be supplied loose for preparation by the beekeeper before assembly. Top bar and hessian cloth is not supplied.
Price 135 GBP
6. All prices are plus VAT and correct at Apr 2010. You will need to collect timber from Bratton.

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