

## Crossdating Cheat Sheet

When crossdating wood samples, dendrochronologists often follow conventions to mark wood samples before they skeleton plot or measure them. These conventions standardize and expedite the crossdating process. The tree core below illustrates many of the situations you may see when crossdating real wood samples. It is helpful to use these conventions to mark paper crossdating exercises as well.

decade marks

- 10 years
- • 50 years
- • • 100 years
- • • • 1000 years

irregular ring types (and what to do about them)

- false band (draw a line across entire ring)
- • micro ring (2 opposite dots)
- • missing ring (2 offset dots)

