

The complex mineralogy of these rocks and their generally fine grainsizings render hand specimen interpretation difficult. Some advantages may be seen in sawn and semi-polished surfaces. As a general rule, diopsidic (and/or tremolitic) rocks are greenish to brownish grey. Strongly altered (biotitised) rocks are typically dark green to green-black, but this is complicated by patchy occurrences of dark hastingsitic amphibole. As noted, feldspathic veins are typically pink. Coarse wolframite is generally visible, but may be masked by scheelite replacements. Garnet-rich rocks tend to be brownish, but only rare coarse garnets are conspicuous.

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