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The photo portrays the xerophytic characteristics of *Tectona philippinensis* Benth. & Hook. Its leaf and stem structures resembles the anatomical characteristics of some cactus plants and other drought-thriving plant species. In its leaf, extension of extended vascular bundles to both non-glandular hairs on the adaxial surface and glandular hairs on the abaxial surface of leaf is reported for the first time on the species. The presence of four types of trichomes, extended and well-developed vascular system, and multiple layers of palisade and sclerenchyma cells are deemed important newly described anatomical characteristics of *T. philippinensis*. The findings shown in the photo give insights on the ability of the species to survive under marginal conditions. To learn more, go to page 259.

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