

Tectona grandis

Scientific classification

Kingdom : Plantae
Clade : Angiosperms
Order : Lamiales
Family : Lamiaceae
Genus : *Tectona*
Species : *T.grandis*



Description

Teak is a large deciduous tree up to 40 m (131 ft) tall with grey to greyish-brown branches, known for its high quality wood. Its leaves are ovate-elliptic to ovate, 15–45 cm (5.9–17.7 in) long by 8–23 cm (3.1–9.1 in) wide, and are held on robust petioles which are 2–4 cm (0.8–1.6 in) long. Leaf margins are entire. *ectona grandis* sets fruit from September to December; fruits are globose and 1.2–1.8 cm in diameter.^[6] Flowers are weakly protandrous.

Uses

Tectona grandis is widely used in African folk medicine for its pharmacological relevance. In Cameroon, this species is a reputed laxative in the Northern Region while in the Western Region, it is used in the treatment of skin diseases and diarrhoea.