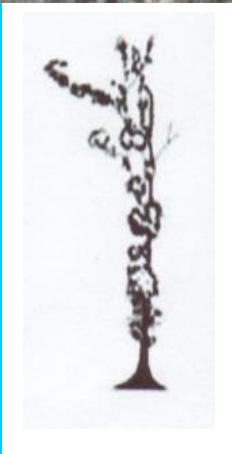


LOOKING GLASS MANGROVE

(*Heritiera littoralis*)



With its white-grey bark and shaggy appearance, this tree stands out in the forest. This is a tall tree growing up to 30 metres in height.

Roots

Very large, broadplank-like buttresses
Plank or ribbon type roots

Leaves

Large (up to 30cm long), elliptical, dark on the top. The leaves are silvery white underneath. This is due to the presence of small silvery scales, but a few occur with reddish centres or brown.

Flowers

November - March

Orange flowers are small and form in loose sprays.

Fruit

September – November

Fruit forms in clusters of up to five for each flower, each fruit being about 7cm long and having a prominent ridge, or winged keel on one side.

Bark

White-grey, cracked bark

Similar species

None

Location

Usually found on the landward edge of the mangrove forest along rivers of the Wet Tropics where there is substantial freshwater influence.