

DICHOTOMOUS KEY TO MANGROVES

(Table Form)

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FEATURE OF PLANT	NAME OF PLANT Or GO TO
1. (a) Leaves large, >12cm (b) Leaves not large, < 12cm	Go to 2 Go to 3
2. (a) Large prop roots looping out from base of tree (b) No obvious prop roots	Rhizophora Go to 4
3. (a) Underside of leaves greyish (b) Underside not greyish	Avicennia Go to 5
4. (a) Underside of leaves silver/grey (b) Underside not silver/grey	Heretiera Bruguiera
5. (a) Leaf with a small notch or indent at tip (b) Leaf without notch	Lumnitzera Go to 6
6. (a) Tip of growing stem flat and spear shaped (b) Tip of growing stem not flat and spear shaped	Ceriops Go to 7
7. (a) Base of leaf stalk slightly swollen (b) Base of leaf stalk not swollen	Xylocarpus Go to 8
8. (a) Leaves quite small, about 3 cm long (b) Leaves mostly longer than 3 cm	Osbornia Go to 9
9. (a) Bark rough, with many small bumps on surface (b) Bark fairly smooth	Excoecaria Aegiceras