

# BLACK MANGROVE

(*Lumnitzera racemosa*)



In tropical regions, this is a small tree reaching 6-7m in height.

## Roots

Above ground roots are not usually present, however, in moist environments, small knee type above-ground roots may be present.

## Leaves

Leaves are alternate, about 7cm long, narrowly obovate, fleshy and with a gland at the end of the mid rib. This forms an indentation at the end.

## Flowers

November – February

Flowers are white

## Fruit

November December, March

Fruit is about 2cm long, green and capsule-shaped.

## Bark

Bark is very dark grey to black – hence the common name – and longitudinally fissured.

## Similar species

You could mistake this tree for the River Mangrove which has salt glands and lacks indentation at the leaf tip.

## Location

Landward edge of the mangrove and are commonly associated with *Ceriops*, *Aegialitis* and *Avicennia*.