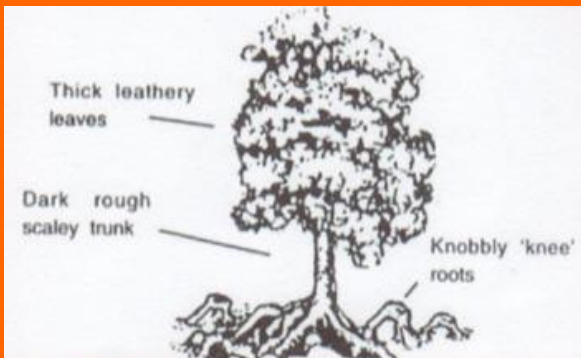


LARGE-LEAFED ORANGE MANGROVE

(*Bruguiera gymnorhiza*)



This species is related to the red mangrove. It is a large tree that may attain a height of 25 metres, with a dense leafy crown.

Roots

Buttresses may be present at the base of the trunk in mature trees. Knobby knee roots surround the tree.

Leaves

This species has very large leaves (10-20cm) and are arranged in opposite pairs. They occur in clumps at the end of branches. The leaves are glossy green above and paler on the under surface.

Flowers

January - March

Single red flowers are formed at the base of the leaves. They remain attached to the propagule when it falls.

Fruit

April - July

The propagules are green and cigar-shaped, between 10 and 20cm long.

Bark

Dark and rough

Similar species

The Small-leaved Orange Mangrove has smaller leaves and a thinner propagule.

Location

The Orange Mangrove prefers muddy/sandy areas which are covered only by spring tides. This species often occurs with the small-leaved Orange Mangrove and the Tall-stilted Mangrove in areas that have some freshwater input.