

YELLOW MANGROVE

(*Ceriops species*)-

Ceriops tagal, *Ceriops australis*, *Ceriops decandra*



The three species are very difficult to tell apart except when flowering or fruiting. They grow to about 5m in height.

Roots

Buttresses at the base of the trunk and knee roots.

Leaves

Small (up to 7cm long), yellow-green, oval-shaped leaves found in groups at the end of branches. Leaves are opposite each other and are often orientated straight up in the air to avoid the strong midday sun.

Flowers

November - March

Small green-brown flower buds with pale orange petals.

Fruit

December – May

The propagules of the three *Ceriops* species are slightly different to each other.

Bark

The light cream coloured bark is roughened by brown corky lenticels

Similar species

Sometimes is mistaken for *Bruguiera* species.

The Yellow Mangrove has a comparatively blunt leaf tip and is a generally smaller tree.

Location

Often occur as short stunted trees especially in very saline areas. They may grow up to 5metres in area having some freshwater influence.