

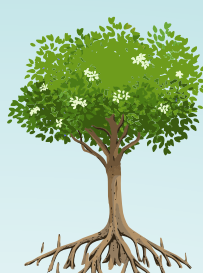
ICONIC MANGROVE SPECIES

Mangroves in the Maldives are very diverse, with a total of 17 species recorded. The most common mangrove species in the Maldives is the Kandoo (small-leafed orange mangrove or *Bruguiera cylindrica*).

However, they have a relatively low salt-tolerance for a mangrove species, due to their lack of salt glands, they are among the first species to die from sea level rise events.

This infographic shows some characteristics of some mangrove species found in the Maldives:

COMMON MANGROVES IN THE MALDIVES



LOCAL: COMMON:

Ran'doo
Red Mangrove

Karamana
Yellow mangrove

Burevi
Black mangrove

Kandoo
Small leafed
orange mangrove

Baru
Grey Mangrove

SCIENTIFIC:

*Rhizophora
mucronata*

Ceriops tagal

*Lumnitzera
racemosa*

*Bruguiera
cylindrica*

Avicenna Marina

Grows to 20m

Grows to 5m

Grows to 6m

Grows to 25m

Grows to 14m

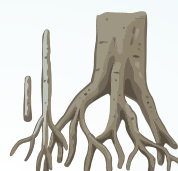
ROOTS



Prop roots, mostly
above ground



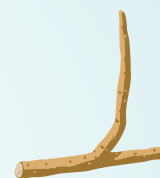
Buttress and knee



Small knee, above
ground



Buttresses at the
base of the trunk
and knee



Pencil-like roots
grow vertically
upwards from soil

SEEDS



1-2cm in diameter,
20-40cm long



Long thin brown
seed



Fruits are about
2cm long



10-20cm long



Small round 1-3cm
long and 0.7-2.5cm

FLOWERS



Small, white flowers



Less than 1cm



Five petaled white
flowers



Red or white
flowers



Small, four petaled
cream yellow flowers

LEAVES



Blunt tips



Rounded leaf point



7cm long, fleshy



Large, 10-20cm,
occur in clumps



Thick, small, 5-8cm
long