

White mangrove (*Laguncularia racemosa*)



The white mangrove is one of three true species of mangroves found within the Virgin Islands. This mangrove is found further inland than the red mangrove. It is usually best identified by the coloration of its flowers which are white. You can also utilize the shape of its leaves which are more rounded compared to other species in the Virgin Islands to identify it.



Figure 1: White mangrove flowers; an easy identification marker. Also note the round shape of the leaf.



Figure 2: White mangrove propagule (seed); after flowers are pollinated, they develop into these seeds which can become a new white mangrove tree.



Figure 3: Since white mangroves are found closer inland than the red mangroves, they act as a catchment system for some environmental pollutants; capturing them before they can enter the marine environment and affect other marine life.

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Common identifying features of the White mangrove

