

Mangroves

Construction Environmental Fact Sheet

Construction projects that have work in or near mangroves must ensure that all laws, regulations and permit conditions are being followed. In order to properly protect mangroves accurate identification of the 3 species is required.

RED MANGROVE

- Most salt tolerant species
- Leaves are shiny, glossy and pointy green
- Leaves are green on both sides of the leaf
- Reddish aerial root system called prop roots



BLACK MANGROVE

- Leaves are narrow and elliptical in shape
- Leaves are often encrusted with salt
- Single trunk with almost black bark
- Have pneumatophores (air breathing roots) which poke up out of the sediment



WHITE MANGROVE

- Leaves are rounded at the base and with a notch at the tip
- Two glands are present at the base of each leaf
- Have no prop roots
- Found more inland near tidal pools

