

## AVICENNIACEAE – BLACK MANGROVE FAMILY

**Plant:** small trees and shrubs, salt tolerant

**Stem:** sap is often salty

**Root:** roots tend to spread for support, pneumatophores usually present

**Leaves:** simple, opposite, evergreen, leathery, without stipules

**Flowers:** perfect, corolla with 4 petals, calyx with 5 sepals, 4 stamens, ovary superior, 1 pistil

**Fruit:** a large 1-seeded bivalve capsule

**Other:** some would place these plants in the Acanthaceae or Verbenaceae

**Genera:** 1 genus (Avicennia), 14+ species

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Avicenniaceae (Black Mangrove Family)

Cedar Key, Levy County, Florida

Notes: evergreen shrub; flowers white, tubular with 4 lobes, in dense heads; leaves opposite, simple, lanceolate to elliptical, upper surface green, lower surface pale pubescence; fruit a flat green pod; pneumatophores (breathing roots) project from ground around base of shrub; shorelines

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