

AN ANNOTATED CHECK-LIST OF THE VASCULAR PLANTS OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND ITS SHORES

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ABSTRACT. - A check-list of the vascular plants commonly found growing in, or on the shores of, the South China Sea is presented. Each entry is annotated with a brief description of habit and habitat and an outline of its distribution in the South China Sea Region.

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Botanically, the open sea is dominated by the algae. The South China Sea is no exception, and only a relatively few species of vascular plants live submerged in seawater throughout their life. The vascular plants dominate both the land, and the ecotone between land and sea - the seashores. The shores of the South China Sea are extensive, running along the mainland of continental Asia from Fujian on the southern coast of China to the tip of the Malay Peninsula, and back across the north coasts of Borneo, Palawan, Luzon and the east coast of Taiwan. These coasts, and the open sea, are dotted with islands, adding greatly to the amount of vegetation under the direct influence of the South China Sea.

Here are found a wide range of vascular plants, which we have attempted to enumerate in this paper. The major problem we faced in compiling the list was in deciding which species to include. As one moves away from the sea onto the land, the diversity of plants increases and the species tend to be less restricted to coastal habitats, for instance, many weedy plants grow well at the top of beaches, above the high tide line, but they are not only found in such sites, and often are commoner on waste ground further inland. Distinguishing between coastal specialists and opportunists is not always easy, and some species with wide-ranging habitat preferences are still characteristic of certain coastal vegetation types e.g. *Tridax procumbens* is a very common herb of sandy shores, but is also common in lowland grassland throughout

the region. We have erred on the side of caution in the list, including species that are often associated with coastal vegetation, at least in parts of their range. To assist the reader in distinguishing the most important coastal elements we provide a series of tables listing the species we believe to characterize certain habitats.

The check-list information

The check-list includes the names we accept as correct for the vascular plants found naturally (native and naturalized) on the shores of, or in, the South China Sea. These are listed in the traditional order of fern-allies, ferns, gymnosperms and angiosperms (dicotyledons followed by monocotyledons). Within each major group, families are listed alphabetically, with species given in alphabetical order within each family. Important synonyms are given. A brief description emphasising life form and size and habitat notes follow. Finally an indication of distribution within the South China Sea region is included for each species. An abbreviated form of reference to major areas is employed as follows:

PM = Peninsular Malaysia (East Coast)

Sp = Singapore

Ri = Riou Province, Indonesia (including Anambas and Natuna Islands)

WK = West Kalimantan Province (Kalimantan Barat), Indonesia

Sk = Sarawak, Malaysia

Bn = Brunei (Negara Brunei Darussalam)

Sb = Sabah, Malaysia

Ph = Philippines (islands bordering the South China Sea)

Th = Thailand

Cm = Cambodia

Vt = Vietnam

Tw = Taiwan

Hn = Hainan

Gx = Guangxi

Gd = Guangdong

Fj = Fujian

Relatively few islands occur in the South China Sea far from its main shores. These are mostly tiny but politically highly significant. The largest islands occur in the Anambas and Natuna groups of Indonesia, but they are very poorly documented botanically, and records are here included in Riou Province. The Spratly Islands (referred to as the Nansha Islands in the Chinese literature), Paracel Islands (Xisha Is.) and Pratas Island (Tungsha or Dongsha Is.) are included as localities because recent publications (see bibliography) have made a significant number of records available.

In some cases it has proven difficult to localize exactly the distributions of species, and the following have been used:

Bo. = Borneo

MC = mainland China

The records are derived largely from published sources plus the personal knowledge of the authors.

Sea-grasses

The only vascular plants that can live perpetually submerged in saltwater are the sea-grasses, of which 15 species have been recorded from the South China Sea (Table 1). *Ruppia maritima* is an aquatic plant that can grow in brackish water, but not pure seawater. Sea-grasses generally grow in clear shallow water, and form an important marine habitat, sea-grass meadows, which are quite extensive in certain parts of the South China Sea.

Table 1. Sea-grasses of the South China Sea.

| Species | Family |
|--|------------------|
| <i>Cymodocea rotundata</i> Ehrenb. & Hempr. ex Asch. | Cymodoceaceae |
| <i>Cymodocea serrulata</i> (R.Br.) Asch. & Magnus | Cymodoceaceae |
| <i>Enhalus acoroides</i> (L.f.) Royle | Hydrocharitaceae |
| <i>Halodule pinifolia</i> (Miki) Hartog | Cymodoceaceae |
| <i>Halodule uninervis</i> (Forssk.) Asch. | Cymodoceaceae |
| <i>Halophila beccarii</i> Asch. | Hydrocharitaceae |
| <i>Halophila decipiens</i> Ostenfeld | Hydrocharitaceae |
| <i>Halophila minor</i> (Zoll.) Hartog | Hydrocharitaceae |
| <i>Halophila ovalis</i> (R.Br.) Hook.f. | Hydrocharitaceae |
| <i>Halophila spinulosa</i> (R.Br.) Asch. | Hydrocharitaceae |
| <i>Posidonia australis</i> Hook.f. | Posidoniaceae |
| <i>Syringodium isoetifolium</i> (Asch.) Dandy | Cymodoceaceae |
| <i>Thalassia hemprichii</i> (Ehrenb.) Asch. | Hydrocharitaceae |
| <i>Thalassodendron ciliatum</i> (Forssk.) Hartog | Cymodoceaceae |
| <i>Zostera japonica</i> Asch. & Graebner | Zosteraceae |

Mangroves

Mangrove forests occur on sheltered tropical and subtropical shores, frequently where the substrate is fine mud, though mangroves can occur on sand, or even on coral flats. The South China Sea, particularly in its tropical regions, is one of the world's richest places for mangrove diversity. A list of species characteristic of the mangroves and muddy shores of the South China Sea is given in Table 2.

Table 2. Characteristic species of the mangroves and muddy shores of the South China Sea. An asterisk indicates a subtropical/temperate element.

| Species | Family |
|--|---------------|
| <i>Acanthus ebracteatus</i> Vahl | Acanthaceae |
| <i>Acanthus ilicifolius</i> L. | Acanthaceae |
| <i>Acanthus volubilis</i> Wall. | Acanthaceae |
| <i>Acrostichum aureum</i> L. | Pteridaceae |
| <i>Acrostichum speciosum</i> Willd. | Pteridaceae |
| <i>Aegiceras corniculatum</i> (L.) Blanco | Myrsinaceae |
| <i>Aegiceras floridum</i> Roem. & Schult. | Myrsinaceae |
| <i>Aganope heptaphylla</i> (L.) Polhill | Leguminosae |
| <i>Aglaodorum griffithii</i> (Schott) Schott | Araceae |
| * <i>Aster subulatus</i> Michx. | Compositae |
| <i>Avicennia alba</i> Blume | Avicenniaceae |
| <i>Avicennia marina</i> (Forssk.) Vierh. | Avicenniaceae |

Table 2. – Continued

| Species | Family |
|--|----------------|
| <i>Avicennia officinalis</i> L. | Avicenniaceae |
| <i>Avicennia rumphiana</i> Hallier f. | Avicenniaceae |
| * <i>Azima sarmentosa</i> (Blume) Benth. & Hook.f. | Salvadoraceae |
| <i>Barringtonia conoidea</i> Griff. | Lecythidaceae |
| <i>Barringtonia racemosa</i> (L.) Spreng. | Lecythidaceae |
| <i>Barringtonia reticulata</i> (Blume) Miq. | Lecythidaceae |
| <i>Brownlowia argentata</i> Kurz | Tiliaceae |
| <i>Brownlowia tera</i> (L.) Kosterm. | Tiliaceae |
| <i>Bruguiera cylindrica</i> (L.) Blume | Rhizophoraceae |
| <i>Bruguiera gymnorhiza</i> (L.) Savigny | Rhizophoraceae |
| <i>Bruguiera hainesii</i> C.G. Rogers | Rhizophoraceae |
| <i>Bruguiera parviflora</i> (Roxb.) Wight & Arn. ex Griff. | Rhizophoraceae |
| <i>Bruguiera sexangula</i> (Lour.) Poir. | Rhizophoraceae |
| <i>Bulbostylis barbata</i> (Rottb.) C.B. Clarke | Cyperaceae |
| <i>Bulbostylis puberula</i> (Poir.) C.B. Clarke | Cyperaceae |
| <i>Caesalpinia bonduc</i> (L.) Roxb. | Leguminosae |
| <i>Caesalpinia crista</i> L. | Leguminosae |
| <i>Calamus erinaceus</i> (Becc.) J. Dransf. | Palmae |
| <i>Campostemon philippinense</i> (Vidal) Becc. | Bombacaceae |
| * <i>Carex scabrifolia</i> Steud. | Cyperaceae |
| <i>Cassine viburnifolia</i> (Juss.) Ding Hou | Celastraceae |
| <i>Cerbera odollam</i> Gaertn. | Apocynaceae |
| <i>Ceriops decandra</i> (Griff.) W. Theob. | Rhizophoraceae |
| <i>Ceriops tagal</i> (Pers.) C.B. Rob. | Rhizophoraceae |
| <i>Clerodendrum inerme</i> (L.) Gaertn. | Verbenaceae |
| <i>Crinum asiaticum</i> L. | Amaryllidaceae |
| <i>Cryptocoryne ciliata</i> (Roxb.) Schott | Araceae |
| <i>Cynometra ramiflora</i> L. | Leguminosae |
| <i>Cyperus javanicus</i> Houtt. | Cyperaceae |
| <i>Cyperus malaccensis</i> Lam. | Cyperaceae |
| * <i>Cyperus monophyllus</i> Vahl | Cyperaceae |
| <i>Dalbergia candenatensis</i> (Dennst.) Prain | Leguminosae |
| <i>Derris trifoliata</i> Lour. | Leguminosae |
| <i>Dolichandrone spathacea</i> (L.f.) K.Schum. | Bignoniaceae |
| <i>Excoecaria agallocha</i> L. | Euphorbiaceae |
| <i>Fimbristylis cymosa</i> R.Br. | Cyperaceae |
| <i>Finlaysonia obovata</i> Wall. | Asclepiadaceae |
| <i>Gymnanthera oblonga</i> (Burm.f.) P.S. Green | Asclepiadaceae |
| <i>Halosarcia indica</i> (Willd.) Paul G. Wilson | Chenopodiaceae |
| <i>Heritiera littoralis</i> Dryand. | Sterculiaceae |
| <i>Hoya obtusifolia</i> Wight | Asclepiadaceae |
| <i>Inocarpus fagifer</i> (Parkinson) Fosberg | Leguminosae |
| <i>Intsia bijuga</i> (Colebr.) Kuntze | Leguminosae |
| <i>Kandelia candel</i> (L.) Druce | Rhizophoraceae |
| * <i>Limonium sinense</i> (Girard) Kuntze | Plumbaginaceae |
| <i>Lumnitzera littorea</i> (Jack) Voigt | Combretaceae |
| <i>Lumnitzera racemosa</i> Willd. | Combretaceae |
| <i>Melaleuca cajuputi</i> Powell | Myrtaceae |
| <i>Merope angulata</i> (Willd.) Swingle | Rutaceae |
| <i>Nypa fruticans</i> Wurmb | Palmae |
| <i>Ochthocharis javanica</i> Blume | Melasomataceae |
| <i>Osbornia octodonta</i> F. Muell. | Myrtaceae |

Table 2. – Continued

| Species | Family |
|--|----------------|
| <i>Phoenix paludosa</i> Roxb. | Palmae |
| <i>Pluchea indica</i> (L.) Less. | Compositae |
| <i>Rhizophora apiculata</i> Blume | Rhizophoraceae |
| <i>Rhizophora mucronata</i> Lam. | Rhizophoraceae |
| <i>Rhizophora stylosa</i> Griff. | Rhizophoraceae |
| <i>Scirpodendron ghaeri</i> (Gaertn.) Merr. | Cyperaceae |
| <i>Scyphiphora hydrophyllacea</i> C.F. Gaertn. | Rubiaceae |
| <i>Sesuvium portulacastrum</i> (L.) L. | Aizoaceae |
| <i>Sonneratia alba</i> J.J.Sm. | Lythraceae |
| <i>Sonneratia caseolaris</i> (L.) Engl. | Lythraceae |
| <i>Sonneratia griffithii</i> Kurz | Lythraceae |
| <i>Sonneratia hainanensis</i> Ko et al. | Lythraceae |
| <i>Sonneratia ovata</i> Back. | Lythraceae |
| * <i>Suaeda maritima</i> (L.) Dum. | Chenopodiaceae |
| <i>Tricostularia undulata</i> (Thwaites) Kern | Cyperaceae |
| <i>Tristellateia australasiae</i> A. Rich. | Malpighiaceae |
| <i>Wollastonia biflora</i> (L.) DC. | Compositae |
| <i>Xylocarpus granatum</i> J. König | Meliaceae |
| <i>Xylocarpus moluccensis</i> (Lam.) M. Roem. | Meliaceae |

Sandy Shores

The flora of sandy shores has been studied in much less detail than the mangroves of the region. The characteristic community of creeping plants low on the shore is often referred to as the pes-caprae association; an allusion to *Ipomoea pes-caprae*, the pantropical seashore morning glory. Higher up on undisturbed beaches there are usually trees, including *Barringtonia asiatica* which lends its name to the Barringtonia formation. The important elements of the sandy shore flora of the South China Sea are listed in Table 3.

Table 3. Species characteristic of the sandy shores of the South China Sea. An asterisk indicates a subtropical/temperate element.

| Species | Family |
|---|----------------|
| <i>Albizia retusa</i> Benth. | Leguminosae |
| <i>Ardisia elliptica</i> Thunb. | Myrsinaceae |
| * <i>Atriplex maximowicziana</i> Makino | Chenopodiaceae |
| * <i>Atriplex nummularia</i> Lindl. | Chenopodiaceae |
| * <i>Atriplex repens</i> Roth | Chenopodiaceae |
| <i>Barringtonia asiatica</i> (L.) Kurz | Lecythidaceae |
| <i>Caesalpinia bonduc</i> (L.) Roxb. | Leguminosae |
| <i>Caesalpinia crista</i> L. | Leguminosae |
| <i>Caesalpinia major</i> (Medik.) Dandy & Exell | Leguminosae |
| <i>Calophyllum inophyllum</i> L. | Guttiferae |
| * <i>Calystegia soldanella</i> (L.) R.Br. | Convolvulaceae |
| <i>Canavalia cathartica</i> Thouars | Leguminosae |
| * <i>Canavalia lineata</i> (Thunb.) DC. | Leguminosae |
| <i>Canavalia rosea</i> (Sw.) DC. | Leguminosae |
| * <i>Carex kobomugi</i> Ohwi | Cyperaceae |

Table 3. – Continued

| Species | Family |
|---|-----------------|
| <i>Cassytha filiformis</i> L. | Lauraceae |
| <i>Casuarina equisetifolia</i> J.R. Forst. & G. Forst. | Casuarinaceae |
| <i>Cerbera manghas</i> L. | Apocynaceae |
| * <i>Chenopodium acuminatum</i> Willd. ssp. <i>virgatum</i> (Thunb.) Kitam. | Chenopodiaceae |
| <i>Cocos nucifera</i> L. | Palmae |
| <i>Colubrina asiatica</i> L. ex Brongn. | Rhamnaceae |
| <i>Cordia subcordata</i> Lam. | Boraginaceae |
| <i>Cyperus dubius</i> Rottb. | Cyperaceae |
| <i>Cyperus radians</i> Nees & Meyen | Cyperaceae |
| <i>Cyperus stoloniferus</i> Retz. | Cyperaceae |
| <i>Dendrolobium umbellatum</i> (L.) Benth. | Leguminosae |
| <i>Digitaria heterantha</i> (Hook.f.) Merr. | Gramineae |
| * <i>Diospyros maritima</i> Blume | Ebenaceae |
| <i>Eragrostis japonica</i> (Thunb.) Trin. | Gramineae |
| <i>Erythrina fusca</i> Lour. | Leguminosae |
| <i>Erythrina variegata</i> L. | Leguminosae |
| <i>Erythroxylum cuneatum</i> (Miq.) Kurz | Erythroxylaceae |
| <i>Eulalia ridleyi</i> (Hack.) A. Camus | Gramineae |
| <i>Euphorbia atoto</i> G. Forst. | Euphorbiaceae |
| <i>Evolvulus alsinoides</i> (L.) L. | Convolvulaceae |
| <i>Fimbristylis sericea</i> R.Br. | Cyperaceae |
| * <i>Glehnia littoralis</i> Schmidt ex Miq. | Umbelliferae |
| <i>Guettarda speciosa</i> L. | Rubiaceae |
| <i>Heliotropium marifolium</i> Retz. | Boraginaceae |
| <i>Hernandia nymphaeifolia</i> (Presl) Kubitzki | Hernandiaceae |
| <i>Heteropogon contortus</i> (L.) P. Beauv. ex Roem. & Schult. | Gramineae |
| <i>Hibiscus tiliaceus</i> L. | Malvaceae |
| <i>Ipomoea campanulata</i> L. | Convolvulaceae |
| <i>Ipomoea imperati</i> (Vahl) Griseb. | Convolvulaceae |
| <i>Ipomoea littoralis</i> Blume | Convolvulaceae |
| <i>Ipomoea marginata</i> (Desr.) Verdc. | Convolvulaceae |
| <i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i> (L.) R.Br. | Convolvulaceae |
| <i>Ipomoea violacea</i> L. | Convolvulaceae |
| <i>Ischaemum muticum</i> L. | Gramineae |
| <i>Lepturus repens</i> (G. Forst.) R.Br. | Gramineae |
| <i>Limnocitrus littoralis</i> (Miq.) Swingle | Rutaceae |
| <i>Manilkara kauki</i> (L.) Dubard | Sapotaceae |
| <i>Melinis repens</i> (Willd.) Zizka | Gramineae |
| <i>Morinda citrifolia</i> L. | Rubiaceae |
| * <i>Myoporum bontioides</i> A. Gray | Myoporaceae |
| <i>Myristica guatteriifolia</i> A. DC. | Myristicaceae |
| <i>Pandanus odoratissimus</i> L.f. | Pandanaceae |
| <i>Paspalum vaginatum</i> Sw. | Gramineae |
| <i>Peltophorum pterocarpum</i> (DC.) K. Heyne | Leguminosae |
| <i>Pentatropis pierrei</i> Costantin | Asclepiadaceae |
| <i>Pittosporum ferrugineum</i> Ait. | Pittosporaceae |
| * <i>Pittosporum tobira</i> Ait. | Pittosporaceae |
| <i>Pongamia pinnata</i> (L.) Pierre | Leguminosae |
| <i>Pouteria obovata</i> (R.Br.) Baehni | Sapotaceae |
| <i>Premna serratifolia</i> L. | Verbenaceae |
| <i>Remirea maritima</i> Aubl. | Cyperaceae |
| * <i>Scaevola hainanensis</i> Hance | Goodeniaceae |

Table 3. – Continued

| Species | Family |
|--|----------------|
| <i>Scaevola taccada</i> (Gaertn.) Roxb. | Goodeniaceae |
| <i>Smythea lanceata</i> (Tul.) Summerh. | Rhamnaceae |
| <i>Sophora tomentosa</i> L. | Leguminosae |
| <i>Spinifex littoreus</i> (Burm.f.) Merr. | Gramineae |
| <i>Sporobolus virginicus</i> (L.) Kunth | Gramineae |
| * <i>Suaeda nudiflora</i> (Willd.) Moq. | Chenopodiaceae |
| <i>Syzygium grande</i> (Wight) Walp. | Myrtaceae |
| <i>Tacca leontopetaloides</i> (L.) Kuntze | Taccaceae |
| <i>Terminalia catappa</i> L. | Combretaceae |
| * <i>Tetragonia tetragonoides</i> (Pall.) Kuntze | Aizoaceae |
| <i>Thespesia populnea</i> (L.) Sol. ex Corrêa | Malvaceae |
| <i>Thuarea involuta</i> (G. Forst.) R.Br. ex Roem. & Schult. | Gramineae |
| <i>Tournefortia sarmentosa</i> Lam. | Boraginaceae |
| * <i>Trianthemum portulacastrum</i> L. | Aizoaceae |
| * <i>Tribulus cistoides</i> L. | Zygophyllaceae |
| * <i>Tribulus terrestris</i> L. | Zygophyllaceae |
| <i>Tridax procumbens</i> L. | Compositae |
| <i>Vigna marina</i> (Burm.) Merr. | Leguminosae |
| <i>Vitex trifolia</i> L. | Verbenaceae |
| <i>Xantolis maritima</i> (Pierre) P. Royen | Sapotaceae |
| <i>Ximenia americana</i> L. | Olacaceae |
| <i>Zoysia matrella</i> (L.) Merr. | Gramineae |

Rocky Shores and Cliffs

Little, if any, definitive research has been done on the vegetation of the rocky shores of the South China Sea. We tentatively list a few common species in Table 4. Undoubtedly there are others, but as there has been no detailed synthesis across the region we are reluctant to make any more concrete statements. There is clearly considerable scope for more research on the floristics and phytosociology of coastal vegetation in the region.

Table 4. Species characteristic of the rocky coasts of the South China Sea. An asterisk indicates a subtropical/temperate element.

| Species | Family |
|--|----------------|
| <i>Allophylus cobbe</i> (L.) Raeusch. | Sapindaceae |
| <i>Atalantia monophylla</i> (L.) DC. | Rutaceae |
| <i>Cycas edentata</i> de Laub. | Cycadaceae |
| <i>Diospyros ferrea</i> (Willd.) Bakh. | Ebenaceae |
| <i>Gyrocarpus americanus</i> Jacq. | Hernandiaceae |
| * <i>Limonium wrightii</i> (Hance) Kuntze | Plumbaginaceae |
| <i>Olea brachiata</i> (Lour.) Merr. | Oleaceae |
| <i>Pandanus dubius</i> Spreng. | Pandanaceae |
| <i>Pemphis acidula</i> J.R. Forst. & G. Forst. | Lythraceae |
| <i>Pisonia grandis</i> R. Br. | Nyctaginaceae |
| <i>Podocarpus polystachyus</i> R.Br. ex Endl. | Podocarpaceae |
| <i>Xylocarpus rumphii</i> (Kostel.) Mabb. | Meliaceae |

Small Island Specialists

There is a small group of species (Table 5), members of which are rarely found on the mainland (or large islands such as Borneo or Palawan). They are restricted to small, often remote, islands, yet sometimes have very large ranges extending, in some cases, from the Indian to the Pacific Ocean. The reasons for having extensive, yet extremely sparse, distributions are a matter for speculation.

Table 5. Species largely restricted to small islands in the South China Sea region.

| Species | Family |
|---|---------------|
| <i>Argusia argentea</i> (L.f.) Heine | Boraginaceae |
| <i>Pouteria linggensis</i> (Burck) Baehni | Sapotaceae |
| <i>Serianthes grandiflora</i> Benth. | Leguminosae |
| <i>Sida pusilla</i> Cav. | Malvaceae |
| <i>Soulamea amara</i> Lam. | Simaroubaceae |
| <i>Stenotaphrum micranthum</i> (Desv.) C.E. Hubb. | Gramineae |
| <i>Suriana maritima</i> L. | Surianaceae |
| <i>Triumfetta procumbens</i> G. Forst. | Tiliaceae |

THE CHECK-LIST**LYCOPODOPHYTA****LYCOPODIACEAE**

Huperzia squarrosa (G. Forst.) Trevis.

Lycopodium squarrosum G. Forst.

epiphyte

on forest trees, including mangroves, to mid-altitudes

PM, Bo., Ph., Th.

PSILOPHYTA**PSILOTACEAE**

Psilotum complanatum Sw.

Psilotum flaccidum Wall.

epiphyte

on tree trunks in light shade, sometimes near the sea

all tropical areas.

Psilotum nudum (L.) P. Beauv.

Psilotum triquetrum Sw.

often epiphytic

on mossy tree trunks to mid-altitudes, often coastal

all tropical areas.

FILICINOPHYTA

ADIANTACEAE

Adiantum stenochlamys Baker
frequent on rocks near the sea
PM, Bo., Th, Vt, Ph, MC.

Cheilanthes tenuifolia (Burm.f.) Sw.
terrestrial
common on banks and rocks in exposed places at low altitudes
PM, Bo., Th, Ph.

ASPLENIACEAE

Asplenium macrophyllum Sw.
on trees and rocks
lowland and lower montane forest, including rocky shores
PM, Bo., Th, Vt, Tw.

BLECHNACEAE

Stenochlaena hainanensis Ching & P.S. Chiu
climber in mangrove
Hn, Gd.

Stenochlaena palustris (Burm.f.) Bedd.
climber at forest margins, often in back mangrove
PM, Sp, Bo., Ph, Th, Hn.

DAVALLIACEAE

Davallia denticulata (Burm.f.) Mett. ex Kuhn
common lowland epiphyte, up to 500 m
PM, Bo., Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Hn, Gd.

Davallia heterophylla J.Sm.
Humata heterophylla (J.Sm.) Desv.
usually on rocks near the sea
PM, Bo., Th, Cm, Vt, Ph.

Davallia parvula Wall. ex Hook. & Grev.
Humata parvula (Wall. ex Hook. & Grev.) Mett.
epiphyte
on old mangrove trees and inland to 800m
PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb.

Davallia pectinata J.Sm.

Humata pectinata (J.Sm.) Desv.

on rocks and trees near the sea, limestone inland

PM, Sp, Ri, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Cm, Ph, Tw.

Davallia solida (Forst.) Sw.

common on trees and rocks near the sea

up to 300 m

PM, Sp, Ri, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Gx.

DENNSTAEDTIACEAE

Lindsaea orbiculata (Lam.) Mett. ex Kuhn var. *commixta* (Tagawa) K.U. Kramer

usually on rocks near the sea, sometimes inland to 500 m

PM, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw.

Lindsaea orbiculata (Lam.) Mett. ex Kuhn var. *orbiculata*

Schizoloma orbiculatum (Lam.) Kuhn

Lindsaea orbiculata (Lam.) Mett. ex Kuhn

usually on rocks near the sea, sometimes inland to 500 m.

Sk, Ph, Hn, Tw, Gd.

Odontosoria biflora (Kaulf.) C. Chr.

Stenoloma biflorum (Kaulf.) Ching

Sphenomeris biflora (Kaulf.) Tagawa

terrestrial

exposed places, often near the sea

Tw, Gx, Gd, Fj.

DRYOPTERIDACEAE

Cyrtomium falcatum (L.f.) C. Presl

terrestrial, to 25 cm tall

among rocks near the sea

Tw, Gd, Fj.

Tectaria zeilanica (Houtt.) Sledge

Quercifilix zeilanica (Houtt.) Copel.

terrestrial

earth banks and streamsides in shade

PM, Sb, Th, Vt, Tw.

HYMENOPHYLLACEAE

Crepidomanes digitatum (Sw.) K. Iwatsuki

Trichomanes digitatum Sw.

Microtrichomanes digitatum (Sw.) Copel.

on trees and rocks

montane forest, or on mangrove trees

PM, Bo., Th, Ph.

Hymenophyllum serrulatum (C. Presl) C.Chr.

on trees and rocks

montane forest, mangroves and swamp forest

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph.

OLEANDRACEAE

Nephrolepis acutifolia (Desv.) H. Christ.

epiphyte

on old tress in the lowlands, often near the sea

PM, Sp, Th, Ph.

Nephrolepis biserrata (Sw.) Schott

terrestrial

very common lowland fern of open places

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Vt, Ph, Hn, Tw, Gd, Paracel Is., Spratly Is.

POLYPODIACEAE

Aglaomorpha acuminata (Willd.) Hovenkamp

Algaomorpha speciosa (Blume) Roos

Photinopteris speciosa (Blume) C. Presl

epiphyte

mangroves, riverside trees and in forests to 1600 m

PM, Sk, Sb, Th, Vt.

Drynaria quercifolia (L.) J.Sm.

common old tree epiphyte

lowlands and hills to 1200 m

PM, Sp, Ri, Sk, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph.

Drynaria sparsisora (Desv.) T. Moore

epiphyte on exposed trees up to 35 m

lowlands and hills to 1400 m

PM, Sp, Ri, Sk, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph.

Lecanopteris crustacea Copel.

Phymatodes crustacea (Copel.) Holttum

ant-inhabited epiphyte

on tall trees in lowlands, sometimes coastal

PM, Sp, Bo., Th.

Lecanopteris sinuosa (Wall. ex Hook.) Copel.

Phymatodes sinuosa (Wall. ex Hook.) J.Sm.

Myrmecopteris sinuosa (Wall. ex Hook.) Pic.Serm.

epiphytic antplant

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Cm, Vt, Ph.

Microsorum scolopendrium (Burm.f.) Copel.

Phymatosorus scolopendria (Burm.f.) Pic.Serm.

Phymatodes scolopendria (Burm.f.) Ching

old tree epiphyte

lowlands

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph, Hn, Tw, Gd, Paracel Is.

Pyrrosia lanceolata (L.) Farwell

Pyrrosia adnascens (Sw.) Ching

common epiphyte

on trees and rocks, particularly near the sea

PM, Bo., Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Pyrrosia piloselloides (L.) M.G. Price

Drymoglossum piloselloides (L.) C. Presl

common on exposed tree trunks and branches

lowlands and hills to 1000 m

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Vt, Ph.

PTERIDACEAE

Acrostichum aureum L.

terrestrial to 4 m tall

mangroves and damp ground near the sea

PM, Sp, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Acrostichum speciosum Willd.

terrestrial, usually less than 2 m tall

seaward parts of mangrove swamps

PM, Sp, Th, Hn, Gx, Gd.

Pteris ensiformis Burm.f.

terrestrial

partially shaded conditions in the lowlands and hills

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd.

Pteris vittata L.

in open places and on walls at all altitudes

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd.

SCHIZAEACEAE

Lygodium circinnatum (Burm.f.) Sw.

climber

lowland to montane forest at 1500 m

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph.

Lygodium flexuosum (L.) Sw.

climber

common in secondary vegetation to 1000 m

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph, Hn, Gd.

Lygodium microphyllum (Cav.) R.Br.

Lygodium scandens Sw.

climber

forest margins to 1300 m

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd.

Schizaea dichotoma (L.) J. Sm.

terrestrial

on lightly-shaded sandy soils to 1000 m

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Vt, Ph, Hn.

Schizaea digitata (L.) Sw.

terrestrial

drier sorts of plantation and forest

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn.

CYCADOPHYTA

CYCADACEAE

Cycas clivicola K.D. Hill ssp. *clivicola*

cycad to 8 m tall

limestone cliffs, including sea coast and islands

Th.

Cycas clivicola K.D. Hill ssp. *lutea* K.D. Hill

cycad to 6 m tall

limestone outcrops including coastal cliffs

Th, Cm, Vt.

Cycas edentata de Laub.

Cycas rumphii auctt. plur. non Miq.

cycad to 7 m tall

rocky and sandy shores

PM, Sp, Bo., Ph, Th, Vt.

Cycas elongata (Leandri) D.Y. Yang
Cycas pectinata Griff. var. *elongata* Leandri
Epicycas elongata (Leandri) S.L. Yang
cycad to 6 m tall
mostly near the coast
Vt.

Cycas lindstromii S.L. Yang et al.
Epicycas lindstromii (S.L. Yang et al.) de Laub.
trunkless cycad
sandy places near the sea
Vt.

Cycas miquelii Warb.
Epicycas miquelii (Warb.) de Laub.
cycad to 1 m tall
on limestone, sometimes coastal
Vt, MC.

GNETOPHYTA

GNETACEAE

Gnetum gnemon L. var. *gnemon*
tree to 20 m tall
rocky coasts and islands, widely cultivated
PM, Sp, Ph.

CONIFEROPHYTA

PODOCARPACEAE

Podocarpus costalis Presl
shrub or small tree
among rocks near the sea
Ph, Tw.

Podocarpus polystachyus R.Br. ex Endl.
shrub or tree to 20 m tall
coastal vegetation, sometimes inland
PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Sb, Ph, Th.

MAGNOLIOPHYTA

MAGNOLIOPSIDA

ACANTHACEAE

Acanthus ebracteatus Vahl
spreading shrub to 3 m tall
mangroves, tidal mud
PM, Sp, Bn, Th, Vt, Ph, Hn, Gx, Gd.

Acanthus ilicifolius L.
spreading shrub to 1.5 m tall
mangroves
Mp, Sp, Bn, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Acanthus volubilis Wall.
trailing shrub
tidal mud
PM, Sp, Ph.

AIZOACEAE

Sesuvium portulacastrum (L.) L.
creeping succulent herb
on sandy or muddy beaches near the tide line
PM, Sp, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Tetragonia tetragonoides (Pall.) Kuntze
fleshy decumbent herb to 60 cm long
sandy shores
Tw, Gd, Fj.

Trianthemum portulacastrum L.
herb
sandy beaches
Tw, Hn, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

AMARANTHACEAE

Philoxerus wrightii Hook.f.
herb to 7 cm tall
mostly on seashores
Tw.

Trichurus monsoniae (L.f.) C.C. Towns.
herb to 90 cm tall
dry sandy places
Th, Cm.

ANACARDIACEAE

Anacardium occidentale L.

tree to 12m

sandy places, usually near the sea, widely planted

PM, Bn.

Naturalized from tropical America.

Bouea oppositifolia (Roxb.) Meisn.

tree to 20 m tall

sandy coastal forest and inland

PM, Sp, Th, Cm, Vt, MC, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb

Buchanania arborescens (Blume) Blume

Buchanania lucida Blume

tree to 27 m tall

common on sandy and rocky coasts and riverbanks, also inland

PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Vt, MC, Ph, Tw

Buchanania insignis Blume

tree to 25 m tall

lowland forest including tidal swamps

Bn, Sb, Ph.

Gluta velutina Blume

Gluta coarctata Hook.f.

large shrub or stilt-rooted tree to 20 m tall

banks of tidal rivers

PM, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Vt.

Semecarpus longifolius Blume

Semecarpus gigantifolia Vidal

medium-sized tree

lowland forest and seashores

Ph, Tw.

Semecarpus paucinervius Merr.

tree to 20 m tall

lowlands including seashores

Sb, Ph.

ANCISTROCLADACEAE

Ancistrocladus tectorius (Lour.) Merr.

Ancistrocladus pinangianus Planch.

trailing shrub or liana

sandy places, often near the sea

PM, Sp, Ri, WK, Th, Vt, Hn.

APOCYNACEAE

Alyxia reinwardtii Blume var. *lucida* (Wall.) Markgr.

Alyxia lucida Wall.

slender climber

often coastal

PM, Sp, Bn.

Catharanthus roseus (L.) G. Don

Lochnera rosea (L.) Rchb. ex Endl.

herb

seashores and waste sandy places

PM, Sp, Bo., Paracel Is.

Naturalized from Madagascar.

Cerbera manghas L.

Cerbera lactaria Buch.-Ham. ex D. Dietr.

small tree

rocky and sandy coasts

PM, Sp, Sk, Th, Bn, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Paracel Is.

Cerbera odollam Gaertn.

small tree

mangrove swamps and muddy coasts

PM, Sp, Sk, Th, Vt.

Neisosperma oppositifolium (Lam.) Fosberg & Sachet

Ochrosia borbonica auct. non Gmel.

Ochrosia oppositifolia (Lam.) K. Schum.

small tree to 10 m

on rocky and sandy shores

PM, Sp, Sk, Th, Ph, Spratly Is.

Parsonsia alboflavescens (Dennst.) Mabb.

Parsonsia spiralis Wall. ex G. Don

Parsonsia helicandra Hook. & Arn.

Parsonsia laevigata (Moon) Alston

vine

climbing on bushes, often near the sea

PM, Sp, Ri, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Ph, Tw, MC.

Trachelospermum gracilipes Hook.f.

climber

coastal regions

Vt, Tw, MC.

ARALIACEAE

Arthrophyllum diversifolium Blume

Arthrophyllum ovatifolium Jungh. & de Vriese

Arthrophyllum congestum Ridl.

sparserly branched tree to 14 m tall

forest margins or secondary forest in lowlands and hills, frequently coastal

PM, Sp, Bo. (Bn).

Gastoniaserratifolia (Miq.) Philipson

Gastoniaspapuana Miq.

tree to 20 m tall

on the shore or sea cliffs, also inland

PM, Sb, Ph.

Schefflera elliptica (Blume) Harms

Schefflera odorata (Blanco) Merr.

Schefflerafukienensis Merr.

climber or straggling shrub, often epiphytic

lowland and hill forest, also mangroves and on limestone

PM, Sp, Bn, Th, Vt, Ph, TW, MC.

Schefflera lanceolata Ridl.

climber

rocks near the sea, mangrove

PM, Sp.

Schefflera littoralis (Miq.) Harms

climber or straggling shrub

coastal and inland

Sk.

Schefflera ridleyi (King) R. Vig. var. *ridleyi*

epiphytic shrub, occasionally epilithic

lowland and hill forest, also in mangroves

PM, Sp.

ASCLEPIADACEAE

Asclepias curassavica L.

herb to 1 m tall

open sandy spots

PM, Sp, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj

Naturalized from tropical America.

Calotropis gigantea (L.) W.T. Aiton

shrub 1-5 m tall

open sandy places, often coastal

PM, Bn, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd.

Cynanchum atratum Bunge

herb 40-80 cm tall

sandy places, sometimes near the sea

Tw, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Cynanchum insularum (Hance) Hemsl. var. *lineare* (Tsiang & Zhang) Tsiang & Zhang

herb

seaside grassland

Hn, Gd.

Dischidia albiflora Griff.

Dischidia collyris Wall.

creeping epiphyte, leaves convex

on trees near the sea

PM, Bo., Th.

Dischidia complex Griff.

slender creeping epiphyte, some leaves pitcher-like

lowland forest

PM, Sp, Bo.

Dischidia major (Vahl) Merr.

Dischidia rafflesiana Wall.

creeping epiphyte, some leaves pitcher-like

lowland and hill forest, common near the sea

PM, Sp, Bn, Th, Vt, Ph.

Finlaysonia obovata Wall.

Finlaysonia maritima auct. non Backer & K. Heyne

thin-stemmed climber

back mangroves and banks of tidal rivers

PM, Sp, Bo., Vt, Ph.

Gymnanthera oblonga (Burm.f.) P.S. Green

Gymnanthera nitida R. Br.

Gymnanthera paludosa (Blume) K. Schum.

liana to 2 m long

mangroves

Sp, Bo., Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Hn, Gd.

Hoya coriacea Blume

Hoya occlusa Ridl.

stout twining epiphyte

forests from mangroves to hill tops, including limestone

PM, Sp, Bo., Th.

Hoya coronaria Blume

hairy twining epiphyte

mangroves, lowland forest incl. quartzite and limestone ridges

PM, Sp, Bn, Th.

Hoya imperialis Lindl.
shrubby climber
mangrove and lowland forest
PM, Sp, Bo.

Hoya obtusifolia Wight
stout-stemmed twining epiphyte
mangroves
PM, Sp, Bo., Th.

Hoya verticillata (Vahl) G. Don var. *verticillata*
Hoya parasitica Wall. ex Wight
Hoya ridleyi King & Gamble
climbing twining epiphyte
often near the sea
PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Vt.

Pentatropis pierrei Costantin
twining herb
sandy shores
Vt.

Sarcostemma acidum (Roxb.) Voigt
twining climber to 2 m long
seashore thickets
Th, Vt, Hn, Gd.

Secamone elliptica R.Br.
Secamone micrantha (Decne.) Decne.
slender liana
open places near the sea
PM, Sp, Cm, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd.

Tylophora flexuosa R. Br.
Tylophora tenuis Blume
Tylophora tenuissima (Roxb. ex Schult.) Wight & Arn.
Tylophora tetrapetala (Dennst.) Suresh
slender twiner
common along tidal rivers
PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd.

Tylophora indica (Burm.f.) Merr.
Tylophora asthmatica (L.f.) Wight & Arn.
slender twiner
sandy places near the sea or rivers
PM, Sp.

AVICENNIACEAE

Avicennia alba Blume

tree to 21 m tall

muddy mangroves

PM, Sp, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph.

Avicennia marina (Forssk.) Vierh.

Avicennia intermedia Griff.

Avicennia sphaerocarpa Staph ex Ridl.

tree to 12 m tall

mangrove

PM, Sp, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Avicennia officinalis L.

tree to 18 m tall

mangrove, generally on landward fringe

PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph.

Avicennia rumphiana Hallier f.

Avicennia lanata Ridl.

tree to 30 m tall

sandier mangroves

PM, Sp, Ph.

BIGNONIACEAE

Dolichandrone spathacea (L.f.) K.Schum.

Dolichandrone rheedei (Spreng.) Seem.

tree to 24 m tall, usually smaller

mangroves and other muddy areas near the sea

PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Bn, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Hn, Gd.

Pajanelia longifolia (Willd.) K. Schum.

tree to 15 m tall

river banks and coastal forest

PM, Ri, Th.

BOMBACACEAE

Campylostemon philippinense (Vidal) Becc.

tree to 30 m tall

mangroves, sandy beaches

Ph, Bo.

BORAGINACEAE

Argusia argentea (L.f.) Heine

Tournefortia argentea L.f.

Messerschmidia argentea (L.f.) I.M. Johnst.

shrub to 3 m tall

sandy coasts of offshore islands

PM, Ph, Vt, Tw, Hn, Paracel Is., Spratly Is., Pratas Is.

Carmona retusa (Vahl) Masam.

Cordia retusa Vahl

Carmona microphylla (Lam.) G. Don

Ehretia buxifolia Roxb.

shrub to 3 m tall

sometimes coastal

PM, Th, Ph, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gd.

Coldenia procumbens L.

creeping herb to 40 cm tall

beaches, dry sandy ground

PM, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn.

Cordia dichotoma G. Forst.

Cordia griffithii C.B. Clarke

Cordia obliqua Willd.

Cordia premnifolia Ridl.

tree to 13 m tall, rarely climbing

lowland forest, back mangrove, on limestone

PM, Sp, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Cordia subcordata Lam.

tree to 15 m tall

rocky and sandy sea shores

PM, Sb, Th, Ph, Vt, Hn, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Ehretia dichotoma Blume

Ehretia timorensis auct. non Decne.

scrambling shrub or small tree to 16 m tall

lowland forest, often near the sea, also on limestone

PM, Sb, Vt.

Ehretia resinosa Hance

shrub or small tree

seashore

Ph, Tw, Spratly Islands.

Heliotropium marifolium Retz.

subshrub to 15 cm tall

dry sandy beaches

Th, Cm, Vt, Hn.

Heliotropium strigosum Willd.
herb to 30 cm tall
sandy places, often near the sea
Th, Cm, Vt, Gd, Fj.

Tournefortia sarmentosa Lam.
scandent shrub
along seashore
PM, Bo., Vt, Ph, Tw.

BURSERACEAE

Canarium asperum Benth.
tree to 30 m tall
rocky coasts and inland forests
Sb, Ph.

Canarium reniforme Kochummen & Whitmore
small tree to 20 m tall
hill forest, often coastal
PM.

Garuga floribunda Decne.
tree to 12 m tall
coastal forest
PM, Sb, Ph.

CACTACEAE

Opuntia monacantha Haw.
succulent prickly shrub to 2 m tall
dry sandy places, usually near the sea
PM.
Naturalized from the New World.

Opuntia stricta (Haw.) Haw. var. *dillenii* (Ker Gawl.) L.D. Benson
Opuntia dillenii (Ker-Gawl.) Haw.
prickly succulent shrub
rocky headlands
Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj, Paracel Is.
Naturalized from the New World.

CAPPARIDACEAE

Capparis beneolens Gagnep.
shrub to 2 m tall
often coastal
Vt.

Capparis floribunda Wight

shrub

dry coastal places, often in coastal areas

Th, Ph, Tw.

Capparis micracantha DC. ssp. *micracantha*

shrub or small tree 26 m tall

lowland forest, sea shore

PM, Bo., Th, Vt, Ph, Hn, MC.

Capparis spinosa L. var. *mariana* (Jacq.) K. Schum.

prostrate shrub

dry sites, sometimes coastal

Ph.

Maerua siamensis (Kurz) Pax

Niebuhria siamensis Kurz

shrub

sometimes coastal

Th, Vt.

CARYOPHYLLACEAE

Polycarphaea arenaria (Lour.) Gagnep.

herb to 40 cm tall

open sites at low altitudes, often near the sea

Cm, Vt.

Polycarphaea corymbosa (L.) Lam.

herb

sandy shores

Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Sagina maxima A. Gray

small herb

mostly coastal

Tw, MC.

Silene fortunei Vis. var. *fortunei*

herb to 70 cm tall

pebbly places on shores and mountains

Tw, MC.

Silene fortunei Vis. var. *kiruninsularis* (Masam.) S.S. Ying

creeping herb

coasts

Tw

CASUARINACEAE

Casuarina equisetifolia J.R. Forst. & G. Forst.
tree to 50 m tall
sandy coasts, widely planted
PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Ph, Th, MC, Paracel Is.

CELASTRACEAE

Cassine viburnifolia (Juss.) Ding Hou
Elaeodendron subrotundum King
shrub or small tree to 10 m tall
near the sea, in mangroves
PM, Sp, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Ph.

Euonymus cochinchinensis Pierre
tree to 12 m tall
coastal forest, and inland to 1200 m
PM, Sb, Cm, Tw, Ph, Hn.

Loeseneriella macrantha (Korth.) A.C. Sm.
Hippocratea macrantha Korth.
liana
lowland forest to 400 m, often near rivers, also in mangrove
PM, Sp, Sk.

Maytenus diversifolia (A. Gray) Ding Hou
spiny shrub
mostly coastal
Ph, Th, Vt, Hn, Tw, Fj.

Maytenus emarginata (Willd.) Ding Hou
spiny shrub 2-4 m tall
mangroves or sea shore
PM, Sp, Sb, Tw.

CHENOPodiaceae

Atriplex maximowicziana Makino
low shrub
sandy shores
Tw, Fj.

Atriplex nummularia Lindl.
shrub
sandy shores
Tw.

Atriplex repens Roth

shrub

sandy or muddy beaches

Hn, Gd.

Chenopodium acuminatum Willd. ssp. *virgatum* (Thunb.) Kitamura

herb to 60 cm

sandy shores

Ph, Tw, Vt, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj, Paracel Is.

Halosarcia indica (Willd.) Paul G. Wilson

Arthrocnemum indicum (Willd.) Moq.

herb

muddy places near the sea

Vt, Hn, Gd.

Suaeda maritima (L.) Dum.

Suaeda australis (R.Br.) Moq.

subshrub

sandy and muddy beaches, saltmarshes

Th, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Suaeda nudiflora (Willd.) Moq.

herb

sandy shores

Tw, MC.

CHYSOBALANACEAE

Atuna racemosa Rafin.

tree to 45 m tall

occasionally found in back mangrove

PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Bn, Ph

Chrysobalanus icaco L.

shrub to 5 m tall

coastal scrub

Sp

naturalized from tropical America.

Licania splendens (Korth.) Prance

tree to 25 m tall

lowland forest sometimes on seashores

Th, PM, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Ph.

Maranthes corymbosa Blume

Parinarium griffithianum Benth.

tree to 39 m tall

mostly coastal, but also in the mountains

PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Ph.

COMBRETACEAE

Combretum tetralophum C.B. Clarke

Combretum wrayi King

scandent shrub or large liana

mangroves and riverside forest

PM, Sp, Bo., Bn, Th, Vt.

Lumnitzera littorea (Jack) Voigt

Lumnitzera coccinea Wight & Arn.

red-flowered tree to 30 m with kneeled pneumatophores

back mangroves, sandy shores

PM, Sp, Ri, WK, Bn, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Hn.

Lumnitzera racemosa Willd.

white-flowered tree to 8 m tall without pneumatophores

mangroves

PM, Sp, Ri, Bn, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd.

Terminalia catappa L.

pagoda tree 10-35 m tall

sandy and rocky shores, widely planted shade tree

PM, Sp, Bn, Bo., Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Terminalia citrina (Gaertn.) Roxb. ex Flem.

tree 20-30 m tall

lowland forest, often along the seashore

PM, Bo., Th, Vt, Ph.

COMPOSITAE

Artemisia capillaris Thunb.

much-branched shrublet 30-100 cm tall

seashores and along rivers

Ph, Tw, Gd.

Artemisia fukudo Makino

herb to 50 cm tall

near coasts

Tw.

Aster subulatus Michx.

herb to 1 m tall

salt marshes

Tw.

Naturalized from North America

Calotis anamitica (Kuntze) Merr.

Calotis gaudichaudii Gagnep.

herb coastal

Vt, Hn.

Cirsium maritimum Makino

herb to 60 cm tall

near seashores

Tw.

Crossostephium chinense (L.) Makino

herb

rocky shores and cliffs, forests in coastal areas

Tw, Gd.

Epaltes divaricata (L.) Cav.

Poilania laggeroides Gagnep.

spreading herb to 30 cm tall

dry grassy places, often coastal

Vt, Hn.

Gynura elliptica Y. Yabe & Hayata

herb to 35 cm tall

sea coast

Lanyu Island, Tw.

Endemic.

Heteropappus hispidus (Thunb.) Less. ssp. *oldhamii* (F.B. Forbes & Hemsl.) Kitam.

erect herb to 100 cm tall

coastal forests

northern Tw.

Endemic subspecies.

Ixeris japonica (Burm.f.) Nakai ssp. *litoralis* Kitam.

creeping herb

sandy places near the sea

Tw.

Ixeris repens (L.) A. Gray

creeping herb

sandy beaches

Tw, Vt, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Launaea sarmentosa (Willd.) Sch. Bip. ex Kuntze

Launaea pinnatifida Cass.

herb

sandy beaches

Vt, Hn, Gx, Gd, Paracel Is.

Pluchea indica (L.) Less.

shrub to 1.5 m tall
common in tidal swamps
PM, Sp, Th, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gd.

Porophyllum ruderale (Jacq.) Cass.

erect herb
open sandy waste ground
Sp.
Naturalized from tropical America.

Sphagneticola calendulacea (L.) Pruski

Wedelia chinensis (Osbeck) Merr.
Complaya chinensis (Osbeck) Strother
Thelechitonita chinensis (Osbeck) H. Rob. & Cuatrec.
creeping herb
damp places near the sea
PM, Ph, Tw, Vt, MC.

Spilanthes anactina F. Muell.

Spilanthes urens auct. non Jacq.
creeping herb to 40 cm tall
PM, Bn.

Taraxacum formosanum Kitam.

rosette-forming herb
grassy places and sandy shores
Tw.

Tridax procumbens L.

creeping herb
waste ground, frequent at the back of beaches
PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.
Naturalized from tropical America.

Vernonia maritima Merr.

herb
coasts
Ph, Tw.

Wedelia prostrata (Hook. & Arn.) Hemsl.

long-creeping herb
sea shores
Tw, Vt, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Wollastonia biflora (L.) DC.

Wedelia biflora (L.) DC.
scrambling herb
common in tidal mud
PM, Sp, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Xanthium strumarium L. var. *japonicum* (Widder) Hara
herb to 90 cm tall
riverbanks and seashores
Tw, Hn, Gd.

CONVOLVULACEAE

Calystegia soldanella (L.) R.Br.
herbaceous creeper to 1 m long
sandy shores, coastal dunes
Tw, Fj.

Evolvulus alsinoides (L.) L.
prostrate or erect herb
sandy shores, dry open places
PM, Sp, Ri, Ph, Tw, Hn, Paracel Is.

Ipomoea campanulata L.
Ipomoea illustris (C.B. Clarke) Prain
slightly woody twining vine
climbing on sea shore vegetation
PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Vt, Ph.

Ipomoea imperati (Vahl) Griseb.
Ipomoea stolonifera (Cirillo) J.F. Gmel., nom. illegit.
Ipomoea carnea R.Br.
trailing herb to 5 m long
sand dunes and beaches
PM, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Ipomoea indica (Burm.) Merr.
twining herb
coastal habitats and inland forests
PM, Ph, Tw, Gd., Paracel Is.

Ipomoea littoralis Blume
Ipomoea gracilis auctt. plur., non R.Br.
creeping herb, sometimes climbing
sandy shores
PM, Sp, Bn, Bo., Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Spratly Is.

Ipomoea marginata (Desr.) Verdc.
Ipomoea sagittaeifolia Burm.f.
Ipomoea maxima auctt. plur., non (L.f.) Don ex Sweet
Ipomoea sepiaria Koenig ex Roxb., nom. illegit.
twining or prostrate vine to 2.5 m long
usually near the sea
PM, Sp, Th, Vt, Tw, Hn.

Ipomoea pes-caprae (L.) R.Br.

trailing herb to 30 m long

sandy seashores

PM, Sp, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd, Gx, Fj, Paracel Is., Spratly Is., Pratas Is.

Ipomoea pes-tigridis L.

twining or creeping vine

sandy waste places

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Paracel Is.

Ipomoea polymorpha Roem. & Schult.

erect or decumbent herb to 60 cm long

grasslands or sandy places near the sea

Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn.

Ipomoea triloba L.

twining or creeping vine

sandy areas and waste places

PM, Sp, Bo, Gd, Ph.

Naturalized from tropical America.

Ipomoea violacea L.

Ipomoea tuba (Schltdl.) G. Don

Ipomoea macrantha Roem. & Schult.

woody twining vine

sea shores

Sp, Bo., Th, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Stictocardia tiliifolia (Desr.) Hallier f.

large liana

open places, often near the sea

Bo., Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn.

Xenostegia tridentata (L.) D.F. Austin & Staples

Merremia tridentata (L.) Hallier f.

Merremia hastata (Desr.) Hallier f.

twining vine to 2 m long

open grassy places, often near the sea

PM, Sp, Ri, Sk, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd.

CRASSULACEAE

Kalanchoe pinnata (Lam.) Pers.

Bryophyllum calycinum Salisb.

herb 30-200 cm tall

open dry places to 1000 m, including rocky shores

PM, Sp, Bo., Ph.

Naturalized from tropical Africa.

Sedum formosanum N.E. Br.

Sedum alfredi auct. non Hance

fleshy herb to 15 cm tall

seashores

Tw, Ph, MC.

CRUCIFERAE

Coronopus integrifolius (DC.) Spreng.

herb

grassland near the sea

Tw, Gd.

Lepidium virginicum L.

herb to 80 cm

waste ground, mostly coastal

Tw.

Naturalized from North America

Raphanus sativus L.

herb to 80 cm tall

coastal regions

Tw.

EBENACEAE

Diospyros ferrea (Willd.) Bakh.

Maba buxifolia Pers.

tree to 12 m tall

sandy and rocky shores, also on limestone

PM, Sp, Th, Tw.

Diospyros maritima Blume

tree to 15 m tall

along the seashore

Vt, Ph, Tw.

EPACRIDACEAE

Styphelia abnormis (Sond.) J.J. Sm.

shrub or small tree

rocky or sandy beaches or similar substrates inland

Sb.

Styphelia malayana (Jack) Spreng.

shrub or small tree

sandy or rocky shores or mountain tops

PM, Sp, Ri, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Vt.

ERICACEAE

Rhododendron brookeanum H. Low ex Lindl. var. *brookeanum*
epiphyte or terrestrial shrub to 2 m tall
in mangrove or on coastal rocks, extending inland to montane forest
Bo., Bn.

Rhododendron longiflorum Lindl. var. *longiflorum*
shrub, sometimes epiphytic
on mangrove trees or coastal rocks, also inland
PM, Bo., Bn.

Vaccinium bracteatum Thunb.
Vaccinium malaccense Wight
Vaccinium pubicarpum Ridl.
shrub or small tree to 6 m tall
sandy seashores and mountains
PM, Sp, Ri, Th, Vt, Hn, Gd.

Vaccinium littoreum Miq.
Vaccinium hasseltii Miq.
shrub, often epiphytic
sandy shores, rocky ridges, montane forest
PM, Sp.

Vaccinium wrightii A. Gray var. *wrightii*
small evergreen tree
mostly coastal
Tw.

ERYTHROXYLACEAE

Erythroxylum cuneatum (Miq.) Kurz
Erythroxylum burmanicum Griff.
tree to 30 m tall
lowland and hill forest, common near the sea
PM, Sp, Ri, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph.

EUPHORBIACEAE

Acalypha lanceolata Willd.
herb to 1 m tall
waste places and sandy shores
PM, Sk, Ph, Hn, Paracel Is., Spratly Is.

Acalypha suirenbiensis Yamam.

subshrub

coastal

Tw.

Endemic

Austrobuxus nitidus Miq. var. *nitidus*

Longetia malayana (Benth.) Pax & K. Hoffm.

tree to 27 m tall

lowland forest, coastal forest, swamps, mountains

PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb.

Bridelia parvifolia Kuntze

Bridelia poilanei Gagnep.

small tree

sand dunes

Vt.

Chaetocarpus castanocarpus (Roxb.) Thwaites

shrub or tree

sometimes on sandy sites near the sea

PM, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt.

Drypetes formosana (Kaneh. & Sasaki ex Shimada) Kaneh.

Liodendron formosanum (Kaneh. & Sasaki ex Shimada) Keng

small tree

forests near the sea

Tw.

Drypetes littoralis (C.B. Rob.) Merr.

small tree

coastal, sometimes also inland

Sb, Ph, Tw.

Euphorbia atoto G. Forst.

Chamaesyce atoto (G. Forst.) Croizat

succulent herb to 60 cm tall

sandy seashores

PM, Sp, Sb, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd, Fj, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Euphorbia bifida Hook. & Arn.

Euphorbia vachellii Hook. & Arn.

Euphorbia serrulata (non Thuill.) Reinw. ex Blume

herb

sandy shores and waste ground

Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Euphorbia cyathophora Murr.

Euphorbia heterophylla auct. non L.
herb

sea shores, waste ground
MP, Bo., Tw, MC, Paracel Is.
Naturalized from tropical America.

Euphorbia hirta L.

Chamaesyce hirta (L.) Millsp.
herb
waste places including seashores
PM, Sp, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Euphorbia hsinchuensis (Lin & Chaw) C.Y. Wu & J.S. Ma

Chamaesyce hsinchuensis Lin & Chaw
prostrate herb
sandy beaches and riversides
Tw
Endemic.

Euphorbia makinoi Hayata

Chamaesyce makinoi (Hayata) Hara
herb
sandy shores and waste ground
Ph, Tw, MC.

Euphorbia sparmannii Boiss.

Chamaesyce sparmannii (Boiss.) Hurusawa
herb
coral beaches
Tw.

Euphorbia taihsiensis (Chaw & Koutrik) Oudejans

Chamaesyce taihsiensis Chaw & Koutrik
prostrate herb
coral reefs and on cement
Tw
Endemic

Euphorbia thymifolia L.

Chamaesyce thymifolia (L.) Millsp.
prostrate herb
cultivation, waste ground, sea shores
Tw, Spratly Is., Paracel Is.

Excoecaria agallocha L.

small tree
mangrove swamps and rocky shores
PM, Sp, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Excoecaria kawakamii Hayata

shrub

Tw.

Endemic to Lanyu and Lutao islands.

Glochidion littorale Blume var. *littorale*

shrub

coasts

PM, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph.

Glochidion mindorense C.B. Rob.

shrub or small tree

on rocks, often near the sea

Sb, Ph.

Glochidion perakense (Müll.Arg.) Airy Shaw

Glochidion glaberrimum Ridl.

shrub or small tree to 6 m tall

mainly coastal swampy places

PM, Sp.

Jatropha curcas L.

shrub

sandy places including beaches

Hn, Gd, Paracel Is.

Naturalized.

Margaritaria indica (Dalzell) Airy Shaw

small tree

sometimes coastal

PM, Sk, Sb, Th, Ph, Tw, Gx.

Mallotus repandus (Willd.) Müll.Arg.

large climbing shrub

often along seashores

Ph, Tw.

Mallotus tiliifolius (Blume) Müll.Arg.

Mallotus papillaris (Blanco) Müll.Arg.

shrub or small tree to 7.5 m

often coastal

MP, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Ph, Tw, Hn.

Micrococca mercurialis (L.) Benth.

annual herb to 30 cm tall

open sandy places near the coast

PM, Sp.

Microstachys chamaelea (L.) Müll.Arg.

Sebastiania chamaelea (L.) Müll.Arg.

herb to 90 cm tall

open sandy places near the sea

PM, Sp, Sk, Bn, Sb, Hn, Gd, Paracel Is.

Sauvagesia bacciformis (L.) Airy Shaw

Agyneia bacciformis L.

Synostemon bacciformis (L.) G.L. Webster

bushy herb

saline soils, usually near the sea

PM, Sp, Ph, Bn, Sb, Tw, Hn, Gd, Gx, Fj.

Stillingia lineata (Lam.) Müll.Arg. ssp. *pacifica* (Müll.Arg.) Steenis

shrub or small tree to 10 m tall

coastal forest

Ph.

Suregada aequorea (Hance) Seem.

Gelonium aequoreum Hance

small tree

seashores

Tw.

Suregada multiflora (Juss.) Baill. var. *multiflora*

Gelonium bifarium Roxb.

Gelonium glomerulatum Hassk.

Gelonium multiflorum Juss.

Gelonium tenuifolium Ridl.

shrub or small tree to 12 m tall

rocky and sandy shores, also inland in rocky places to 750 m

PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Ph.

FLACOURTIACEAE

Hemiscoparia trimera (Boerl.) Slooten

tree to 10 m tall

coastal forest and inland

PM, Vt.

Homalium dasyanthum (Turcz.) Warb.

Homalium griffithianum Kurz

tree to 30 m tall

near the coast, including limestone areas

PM, Th, Vt.

Scolopia macrophylla (Wight & Arn.) Clos

Scolopia rhinanthera (Benn. & Br.) Clos

spiny tree to 9 m tall

lowlands, usually coastal

PM, Bo., Th, Cm.

Scolopia oldhamii Hance

small tree

common on the coast, also inland

Ph, Tw, MC.

GOODENIACEAE

Goodenia pilosa (R.Br.) Carolin

Calogyne pilosa R.Br.

Calogyne pilosa ssp. *chinensis* (Benth.) H.S. Kiu

herb to 23 cm tall

rice fields, waste ground, grasslands near the sea

Ph, Vt, Hn, Gx, Fj.

Scaevola hainanensis Hance

shrub

coastal

Vt, Tw, Hn, Gd, Fj, Paracel Is.

Scaevola taccada (Gaertn.) Roxb.

Scaevola sericea Vahl

Scaevola koenigii Vahl

large succulent shrub

sandy shores

PM, Sp, Ri, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Ph, Hn, Gd, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

GUTTIFERAE

Calophyllum inophyllum L.

tree to 25 m tall

rocky and sandy shores

PM, Sp, Bn, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gd, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Garcinia celebica L.

Garcinia hombroniana Pierre

tree to 30 m tall

most frequently near the sea

PM, Sp, Bn.

Garcinia subelliptica Merr.

small tree to 18 m tall

in thickets along the shore

Ph, Tw.

Mammea odorata (Rafin.) Kosterm.

small tree

sandy seashores

PM, Ph.

Mammea siamensis (Miq.) T. Anders.
Ochrocarpos siamensis (Miq.) T. Anders.
tree to 15 m tall
coastal
Th, Cm.

HERNANDIACEAE

Gyrocarpus americanus Jacq.
Gyrocarpus jacquinii Gaertn.
small tree 3-30 m tall
rocky shores, also inland
Ph, Vt.

Hernandia nymphaeifolia (Presl) Kubitzki
Hernandia peltata Meissn.
Hernandia sonora auct. non L
tree to 18 m tall
coastal and offshore islands
PM, Bo., Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Spratly Is.

ICACINACEAE

Gonocaryum calleryanum (Baill.) Becc.
treelet or tree to 12 m tall
found on coral rocks
Ph, Tw.

Gonocaryum macrophyllum (Blume) Sleumer
shrub or small tree to 6 m tall
coastal forest
Bo., Bn.

Merrilliodendron megacarpum (Hemsl.) Sleumer
tree to 15 m tall
generally coastal
once from Palawan, Ph.

LABIATAE

Ajuga pygmaea A. Gray
tiny stoloniferous herb
shores
Tw.

Leucas chinensis (Retz.) R. Br.
herb
sandy beaches
Tw, Hn.

LAURACEAE

Beilschmiedia tonkinensis (Lecomte) Ridl.

tree to 15 m tall

lowland forest, often coastal

PM.

Cassytha filiformis L.

leafless twining parasitic vine

common on sandy coasts

PM, Sp, Bn, Tw, Gd, Hn, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

LECYTHIDACEAE

Barringtonia asiatica (L.) Kurz

Barringtonia speciosa J.R. Forst. & G. Forst.

tree to 20 m tall or more

sandy shores

PM, Sp, Bn, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Spratly Is.

Barringtonia conoidea Griff.

sparsely branching shrub or small tree to 4 m tall

tidal estuaries

PM, WK, Bn, Sk.

Barringtonia racemosa (L.) Spreng.

shrub or tree to 20 m tall

periodically flooded forest, back mangroves

PM, Bo., Bn, Th, Ph, Tw, Gd, Hn

Barringtonia reticulata (Blume) Miq.

Barringtonia sumatrana Miq.

shrub or small tree to 10 m tall

sandy shores and tidal creeks

PM, Sp.

LEGUMINOSAE

Abrus precatorius L.

vine

hedges and thickets often near the sea

PM, Bo., Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd.

Adenanthera marina I.C. Nielsen

shrub to 3 m tall

sandy beaches

PM.

Endemic.

Adenanthera pavonina L.

tree 25-40 m tall
lowland forest, usually near the sea
often planted
PM, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt.

Aganope heptaphylla (L.) Polhill

Derris sinuata Benth. ex Thwaites

Derris heptaphylla (L.) Merr.

scandent shrub
tidal riverbanks, coastal areas
PM, Bn, Th, MC.

Albizia retusa Benth. ssp. *retusa*

Albizia littoralis Teijsm. & Binn.
tree to 25 m tall
sandy beaches on offshore islands
PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Ph, Th.

Albizia saponaria (Lour.) Blume ex Miq.

tree to 15 m tall
secondary forest near the sea and also inland
Ph.

Caesalpinia bonduc (L.) Roxb.

Caesalpinia bonducella (L.) Fleming, nom. illeg.
prickly liana to 15 m tall
often coastal but also found inland
PM, Sp, Th, Cm, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Spratly Is., Pratas Is.

Caesalpinia crista L.

Caesalpinia nuga (L.) Ait.
prickly liana to 15 m tall
sandy beaches, back mangrove and on limestone
PM, Sp, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Paracel Is.

Caesalpinia godfroyana Kuntze

climbing shrub
sometimes coastal
Th, Cm, Vt.

Caesalpinia major (Medik.) Dandy & Exell

liana
coasts
Bn, Th, Cm, Vt, Gd, Gx, Fj, Spratly Is.

Caesalpinia minax Hance

liana
sandy beaches and inland
Th, Vt, Tw, Gx, Gd, Fj, Paracel Is.

Cajanus scarabaeoides (L.) Thouars

Atylosia scarabaeoides (L.) Benth.

slender twining vine

sandy shores, waste ground

Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj., Paracel Is.

Canavalia cathartica Thouars

Canavalia microcarpa (DC.) Piper

Canavalia turgida Grah. ex A. Gray

creeping and climbing vine

thickets near the sea

PM, Sp, Th, Cm, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gd, Spratly Is.

Canavalia lineata (Thunb.) DC.

prostrate twiner

seashores

Cm, Vt, Tw, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Canavalia rosea (Sw.) DC.

Canavalia obtusifolia (Lam.) DC.

Canavalia maritima (Aubl.) Thouars

trailing vine

sandy shores

PM, Sp, Bo., Bn, Th, Cm, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Christia constricta (Schindl.) T.C. Chen

Lourea constricta Schindl.

shrub

open places, sometimes coastal

Vt, Hn, Gd.

Crotalaria alata Buch.-Ham. ex G. Don

Crotalaria bialata Schrank.

subshrub to 60 cm tall

waste places, sandy beaches

PM, Sp, Th, Cm, Vt, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Crotalaria laburnifolia L.

shrub to 120 cm tall

seashores, waste places

Th.

Crotalaria pallida Aiton

Crotalaria saltiana (non Andr.) Prain ex King

Crotalaria mucronata Desv.

shrub to 100 cm tall

waste places

PM, Sp, Bn, Th, Cm, Vt, Gx, Gd, Fj, Paracel Is.

Naturalized from Africa.

Crotalaria retusa L.
shrub to 120 cm tall
seashores, waste places
PM, Th, Cm, Vt, Hn, Gd.

Crotalaria uncinella Lam.
procumbent herb or subshrub
sandy shores
PM, Th, Vt, Tw, MC.

Cynometra iripa Kostel.
Cynometra ramiflora L. var. *mimosoides* Baker
shrub or small tree to 8 m tall
mainly coastal, but sometimes inland
PM, Th, Ph.

Cynometra mirabilis Meeuwen
tree 10-20 m tall
near the seashore or along rivers
Ph, Sb.

Cynometra ramiflora L.
bushy-crowned tree to 25 m tall
riverbanks and swamps, especially near the coast
PM, Bo., Th, Ph.

Dalbergia candenatensis (Dennst.) Prain
Dalbergia torta Grah. ex A. Gray
scandent shrub or liana
coastal scrub and mangroves
PM, Bn, Th, Vt, Ph, MC.

Dendrolobium umbellatum (L.) Benth.
Desmodium umbellatum (L.) DC.
shrub 2-3 m tall
muddy and sandy shores
PM, Th, Vt, Tw, MC.

Derris scandens (Roxb.) Benth.
large high-climbing liana
lowland forest often near the sea
PM, Sp, Th, Cm, Vt, MC.

Derris trifoliata Lour.
Derris uliginosa (Roxb. ex Willd.) Benth.
slender liana
mangrove swamps
PM, Sp, Bn, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Desmodium rubrum (Lour.) DC.

small shrub to 1 m tall

coastal dunes, waste ground

Cm, Vt, Hn, Gd.

Entada phaseoloides (L.) Merr.

large woody climber

riversides, back mangroves and inland

Bo., Ph, Vt, MC, Paracel Is.

Entada rheedei Spreng.

Entada schefferi Ridl.

huge woody climber reaching lengths of 120 m

lowland forest to 400 m, often near the sea

PM, Bo., Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, MC.

Erythrina fusca Lour.

Erythrina atrosanguinea Ridl.

Erythrina ovalifolia Roxb.

tree to 25 m tall

lowland forest, often coastal

PM, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph.

Erythrina variegata L.

Erythrina indica Lam.

Erythrina rostrata Ridl.

Erythrina orientalis (L.) Murr.

tree to 15 m tall

rare in the wild on sandy beaches, widely cultivated

PM, Bo., Bn, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Gx, Gd, Fj, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Glycine dolichocarpa Tateishi & Ohashi

twining or prostrate herb

wasteland, open places near the sea

Tw.

Glycine tabacina (Labill.) Benth.

Glycine clandestina auct. non Wendl.

scandent herb

open grasslands near the sea

Tw, Gd, Fj.

Indigofera hirsuta L.

shrub to 1.5 m tall

sandy seashores

PM, Th, Cm, Vt, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj, Paracel Is.

Indigofera linnaei Ali

Indigofera enneaphylla L.

herb

sandy beaches

Th, Vt, Hn, Paracel Is.

Indigofera litoralis Chun & T. Chen
herb
sandy shores
Hn.

Indigofera nummulariifolia (L.) Alston
herb
sandy shores
Th, Cm, Vt, Hn, Paracel Is.

Indigofera zollingeriana Miq.
shrub or small tree
sandy beaches
PM, Sp, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, MC.

Inocarpus fagifer (Parkinson) Fosberg
small, multi-stemmed tree
brackish swamp forest
PM, Bo.

Intsia bijuga (Colebr.) Kuntze
Afzelia bijuga (Colebr.) A. Gray
Afzelia retusa Kurz
tree to 25 m tall
coasts and tidal reaches of rivers
PM, Sp, Bn, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph.

Lespedeza daurica (Maxim.) Schindl.
shrub to 80 cm tall
seashores
Tw, MC.

Macroptilium lathyroides (L.) Urb.
Phaseolus semierectus L.
shrub or climber
waste ground, often near the sea
Sp, Tw, Gd, Fj.
Naturalized from tropical America.

Melilotus indicus (L.) All.
herb to 50 cm tall
seashores
Th, Tw, MC.

Melilotus suaveolens Ledeb.
herb 50-90 cm tall
seashores
Vt, Tw, MC.

Mucuna gigantea (Willd.) DC.

large sprawling climber
thickets, often near the sea
PM, Sp, Th, Vt, Tw, Hn.

Ormosia bancana (Miq.) Merr.

Ormosia parvifolia Baker
tree to 20 m tall
lowland forest, often near rivers or the sea
PM, Sp, Bn.

Peltophorum pterocarpum (DC.) K. Heyne

Peltophorum ferrugineum (Decne.) Benth.
tree to 20 m tall
rocky and sandy shores, widely planted inland
PM, Sp, Bn, Th, Cm, Vt, Gd.

Pongamia pinnata (L.) Pierre var. *pinnata*

Pongamia glabra Vent. var. *typica*
small tree sometimes to 20 m tall
sandy and rocky shores
PM, Sp, Bn, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Pterocarpus indicus Willd.

tree to 30 m tall
coastal, along tidal rivers, extensively planted
PM, Bn, Th, Cm, Vt.

Rhynchosia minima (L.) DC.

twiner
sometimes coastal
Th, Vt, Tw, Paracel Is.

Rothia indica (L.) Druce

Rothia trifoliata (Roth) Pers.
herb to 20 cm tall
sandy shores and fields
Vt.

Serianthes grandiflora Benth.

Serianthes dilmyi Fosberg
tree to 35 m tall, usually smaller
mostly on sea shores, commoner on offshore islands
PM, Sp, Sb, Th, Ph.

Sesbania bispinosa (Jacq.) Spreng. ex Steud

herb
sometimes coastal
Th, Cm, Vt., Paracel Is.

Sesbania chamalea

herb

sometimes coastal

Hn, Gd, Paracel Is.

Sindora siamensis Miq. var. *maritima* (Pierre) K. Larsen & S. Larsen

Sindora maritima Pierre

tree to 15 m tall

beach forest

Th, Cm, Vt.

Sindora siamensis Miq. var. *siamensis*

tree to 15 m tall

beach forest, also inland

PM, Th, Cm, Vt.

Sophora tomentosa L.

silvery shrub to 5 m tall

sea shores

PM, Sp, Bo., Ph, Th, Cm, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gd, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Tephrosia luzoniensis Vogel

Tephrosia dichotoma auct. non Desv.

herb

sometimes coastal

Ph, Paracel Is.

Vigna marina (Burm.) Merr.

Vigna retusa Walp.

trailing or twining vine

common on sandy shores

PM, Sp, Th, Vt, Tw, Gd, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Vigna minima (Roxb.) Ohwi & Ohashi

slender twining herb

grasslands near the sea

Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn.

Wallaceodendron celebicum Koord.

tree to 45 m tall

lowland forest inland and near the sea

Ph

LOGANIACEAE

Fagraea acuminatissima Merr.

Fagraea obovata auct. non Wall.

epiphytic climber or shrub

rocky coasts and inland forests of lowland and hills

PM, Ri, Bo.

LORANTHACEAE

Macrosolen retusus (Jack) Miq.

Elytranthe retusa (Jack) G. Don

stout shrubby mistletoe to 60 cm tall

often on low trees near the sea

PM, Sp.

LYTHRACEAE

Pemphis acidula J.R. Forst. & G. Forst.

shrub to 8 m tall

rocky and sandy shores

PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Paracel Is.

Sonneratia alba J.J.Sm.

Sonneratia griffithii auct. non Kurz

tree to 30 m tall

mangroves

PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph, Hn.

Sonneratia caseolaris (L.) Engl.

Sonneratia acida L.f.

tree to 15 m tall

mangroves, tidal river banks

PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Hn.

Sonneratia griffithii Kurz

tree to 20 m tall

mangroves

very rare, a few locations.

Th, PM.

Sonneratia hainanensis W.C. Ko et al.

tree

mangrove

Hn.

Endemic.

Sonneratia ovata Back.

Sonneratia alba auct. non J.J.Sm.

tree to 8 m tall

mangroves, tidal creeks

PM, Ri, WK, Sk, Bn, Th, Cm, Vt, Hn.

MALPIGHIACEAE

Hiptage corymbifera Arènes

shrub to 5 m tall

coastal

Vt.

Rysopteris timoriensis (DC.) Juss.

liana to 10 m long

coastal regions

Ph, Tw.

Tristellateia australasiae A. Rich.

slender liana to 10 m long

back mangroves, also widely cultivated

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Vt, Ph, Tw.

MALVACEAE

Hibiscus tiliaceus L.

tree to 30 m tall

sea shores, rocky coasts and river banks

PM, Sp, Ri, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Sida chinensis Retz.

shrub

frequent on sandy beaches

Tw, Hn, Gd, Paracel Is.

Sida cordifolia L.

herb to 1 m tall

sandy open places, often coastal

PM, Sp, Ph, Th, Tw, Hn, Gd, Paracel Is.

Sida pusilla Cav.

Sida parvifolia DC.

shrub

sandy beaches

Ph (Babuyan Is.), Spratly Is., Paracel Is.

Thespesia populnea (L.) Sol. ex Corrêa

tree to 15 m tall

sandy and rocky shores

PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Paracel Is.

MELASTOMATACEAE

Memecylon caeruleum Jack

shrub or small tree to 12 m tall

lowlands near the sea

PM, Sp.

Memecylon edule Roxb. var. *edule*

tree to 12 m tall

lowland forest, often near the sea

PM, Sp, Bo.

Memecylon edule Roxb. var. *ovatum* (Sm.) C.B. Clarke

Memecylon laxiflorum Wall. ex Ridl.

tree to 18 m tall

open places, often near the sea, also on limestone

PM, Sp, Bo.

Ochthocharis javanica Blume

shrub to 2 m tall

mangroves and other tidal areas

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph.

Plethiandra sessiliflora (Cogn.) Ridl.

epiphytic shrub to 1 m tall

mangroves or on limestone

PM, Sp.

MELIACEAE

Aglaia cucullata (Roxb.) Pellegr.

Amoora cucullata Roxb.

tree to 30 m tall

tidal rivers, back mangrove, lowland forest

PM, Sp, Bo., Bn, Th, Vt.

Aglaia elaeagnoidea (A. Juss.) Benth.

Aglaia formosana (Hayata ex Matsumura & Hayata) Hayata

medium-sized tree

thickets along the seashore, also inland to 1000 m

Sk, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw.

Chisocheton erythrocarpus Hiern

tree to 25 m tall

lowland forest, often near the sea

PM, Sp, Bo.

Sandoricum beccarianum Baill.
Sandoricum emarginatum Hiern
tree to 35 m tall
lowland forest, sometimes near the sea
PM, Sp.

Xylocarpus granatum J. König
Carapa moluccensis auct. non Lam.
tree to 15 m tall
mangroves
PM, Sp, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph, Hn.

Xylocarpus moluccensis (Lam.) M. Roem.
Carapa obovata auct. non Blume
tree to 18 m tall
mangroves
PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Vt, Ph.

Xylocarpus rumphii (Kostel.) Mabb.
tree to 12 m tall
rocky headlands
PM, Sp, Ph.

MENISPERMACEAE

Cocculus orbiculatus (L.) DC.
Cocculus ovalifolius (Vahl ex Pers.) DC.
Cocculus elegans (Ridl.) Ridl.
slender liana
sandy shores
PM, Ph, Tw, Gd.

MORACEAE

Ficus callosa Willd.
tree to 33 m tall
lowland forest, often near the sea
PM, Bo., Th, Ph.

Ficus consociata Blume var. *murtoni* King
strangler
lowland forests and seashores
PM, Ri, Bo., Th.

Ficus cucurbitina King
scrambler
usually near the sea
PM, Sb, Ph, WK.

Ficus deltoidea Jack

Ficus diversifolia Blume var. *deltoidea* (Jack) Ridl.
shrub to 2 m tall, sometimes epiphytic
seashores to mountain tops
PM, Bo., Ri, Sk, Sb, Th.

Ficus globosa Blume

scrambler
sea coasts to mountains
PM, Ri, Bo., Th.

Ficus kurzii King

scrambler
rocks near the sea
PM, Th.

Ficus microcarpa L.f. var. *crassifolia* (Shieh) Liao

erect or scandent shrub
on coastal limestone rocks
Ph, Tw.

Ficus microcarpa L.f. var. *microcarpa*

scrambling shrub or tree
common on coastal rocks
PM, Sp, Bo., Ph, Th, MC, Spratly Is., Pratas Is.

Ficus pedunculosa Miq. var. *mearnsii* (Merr.) Corner

scandent shrub
coastal rocks
Ph, Tw.

Ficus superba Miq.

big tree
rocky coasts
PM, Ri, Th.

Ficus tinctoria G. Forst.

big tree with many aerial roots
lowlands, often on rocky coasts
PM, Bo., Ph, Th, Tw, Hn.
Represented by several subspecies.

Ficus vaccinoides Hemsl. & King

creeping shrub
on coastal rocks or inland
Tw, MC.

MYOPORACEAE

Myoporum bontioides A. Gray
small evergreen shrub to 1.5 m tall
seashores
Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj, Paracel Is.

MYRISTICACEAE

Knema globularia (Lam.) Warb.
Knema missionis (Wall. ex King) Warb.
tree about 10 m tall
usually coastal
PM, Sp.

Myristica guatteriifolia A. DC.
tree to 20 m tall
beach forest
PM, Sk, Ph, Vt.

MYRSINACEAE

Aegiceras corniculatum (L.) Blanco
Aegiceras majus Gaertn.
small tree to 5 m tall
tidal mud, river estuaries
PM, Sp, Bn, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Aegiceras floridum Roem. & Schult.
small tree
mangrove
?Bo., Vt, Ph.

Ardisia elliptica Thunb.
Ardisia littoralis Andr.
shrub to 3 m tall
tidal areas, sea shores
PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Tw.

Rapanea porteriiana Wall. ex A. DC.
Myrsine avenis (Blume) DC.
Myrsine porteriiana Wall. ex A. DC.
Myrsine umbellulata (Wall.) DC.
shrub or small tree to 10 m tall
coasts, lowlands, hills and mountains to 1700 m
PM, Sp, Th.

MYRTACEAE

Melaleuca cajuputi Powell

Melaleuca leucadendron L. *sensu lato*

shrub or tree to 24 m tall

swampy ground near the sea

PM, Sk, Th, Vt.

Osbornia octodonta F. Muell.

small tree

mangrove fringes

Bo., Vt, Ph.

Psidium guajava L.

small tree

common on waste ground, often near the sea

widespread

Naturalized from tropical America.

Syzygium campanulatum Korth.

Eugenia myrtifolia (non Salisb.) Roxb.

Eugenia oleina Wight nom. nud.

small tree

coastal

PM, Sp, Bo., Ph.

Syzygium grande (Wight) Walp.

Eugenia grandis Wight

tree to 30 m tall

sandy and rocky coasts, also widely planted

PM, Sp, Bo., Th.

Syzygium gratum (Wight) S.N. Mitra

Eugenia grata Wight

Eugenia spicata auct. non Lam.

small tree

often coastal

PM, Th, Ph.

Syzygium helferi (Duthie) P. Chantaranothai & J. Parn.

Eugenia helferi Duthie

tree to 18 m tall

rocky forest, often near the sea

PM, Bn, Th.

Syzygium leucoxylum Korth.

Eugenia leucoxylon (Korth.) Miq.

Eugenia verecunda Duthie

tree to 15 m tall

sea coasts and tidal rivers

PM, Sp.

Syzygium oblatum (Roxb.) Wall. ex A.M. Cowan & J.M. Cowan var. *oblatum*

Eugenia oblata Roxb.

Eugenia limnaea Ridl.

Eugenia laxiuscula Ridl.

Eugenia brantiana M.R. Hend.

shrub or tree to 24 m tall

lowland forest, mostly near the sea

PM, Bo., Th, Vt.

Syzygium pycnanthum Merr. & L.M. Perry

Eugenia densiflora (Blume) Miq.

tree to 21 m tall

lowland forests, seashores

PM, Sp, Sk, Bo., Th.

Syzygium subdecussatum (Wall. ex Duthie) I.M. Turner var. *subdecussatum*

Eugenia subdecussata Duthie

tree to 30 m tall

lowland forest and rocky shores

PM, Sp, Sk.

Syzygium syzygioides (Miq.) Merr. & L.M. Perry

Eugenia syzygioides (Miq.) M.R. Hend.

Eugenia cymosa auct. non Lam.

Eugenia pseudosyzygioides M.R. Hend.

tree to 30 m tall

lowlands, often near sandy coasts

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Vt.

Syzygium zeylanicum (L.) DC.

Eugenia zeylanica (non Willd.) Wight

Eugenia spicata Lam.

Eugenia longicaudata Ridl.

shrub or tree to 18 m tall

sea shores and river banks, rarely in the mountains

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Vt, Gx, Gd.

Tristanopsis merguensis (Griff.) Peter G. Wilson & J.T. Waterh.

Tristania merguensis Griff.

Tristania subauriculata King

Tristania maingayi Duthie

tree to 21 m tall

rocky coasts to mountains

PM, Sp, Bo. (Bn).

NYCTAGINACEAE

Boerhavia diffusa L.

Boerhavia crispa Heyne

creeping or erect herb to 1 m tall

dry sandy open places, often coastal

PM, Sp, Bo., Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Pisonia aculeata L.

thorny scrambling liana reaching to 20 m
seashores and inland
PM, Sb, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd.

Pisonia grandis R.Br.

shrub or tree to 30 m tall
coastal
PM, Sb, Ph, Hn, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Pisonia umbellifera (J.R. Forst.) Seem.

shrub or tree to 28 m tall
forest, often coastal
PM, Bo., Ph, Tw, Vt, Hn

OCHNACEAE

Campylospermum serratum (Gaertn.) Bittrich & M.C.E. Amaral

Gomphia microphylla Ridl.
Gomphia sumatrana Jack
Gomphia oblongifolia Ridl.
Gomphia serrata (Gaertn.) Kanis
Ouratia serrata (Gaertn.) Robson
Ouratia striata (Tiegh.) Lecomte
tree to 25 m tall
lowland and hill forest to 1000 m, common near the sea
PM, Sp, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph, Hn.

Ochna integerrima (Lour.) Merr.

Ochna grandis Ridl.
shrub or small tree to 12 m tall
sandy beaches, swampy places, also inland to 1200 m
Th, Cm, Vt, Hn.

OLACACEAE

Olax scandens Roxb.

shrub
dry rocky places, frequently near the sea
PM, Th, Vt.

Ximenia americana L.

sprawling shrub or small tree to 10 m tall
sandy shores
PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Hn.

OLEACEAE

Olea brachiata (Lour.) Merr.

Olea maritima Wall. ex Don

tree to 10 m tall

rocky shores

PM, Ri, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Cm, Hn, Gd.

ONAGRACEAE

Oenothera littoralis Schlecht.

herb

sandy beaches

Gd, Fj.

OPILIACEAE

Cansjera rheedei J.F. Gmel.

Cansjera zizypholia Griff.

liana or shrub to 5 m tall

often in coastal vegetation

PM, Sp, Sk, Bn, Sb, Ph, Hn, Gx, Gd.

Champereia manillana (Blume) Merr.

Champereia griffithii Planch. ex Kurz

shrub or small tree to 10 m tall

lowland forest, sometimes coastal

PM, Sp, Ri, Sb, Th, Ph, Tw.

Opilia amentacea Roxb.

woody climber or erect shrub

in dry forest, often on the seashore

Sb, Ph, Th, Vt.

PAPAVERACEAE

Argemone mexicana L.

erect herb

coastal areas, dry sandy places

Ph, Tw, Gd.

Naturalized from the Caribbean

Corydalis decumbens (Thunb.) Pers.

tuberous herb

waste places near the coast

Tw, MC.

PASSIFLORACEAE

Passiflora foetida L.

slender hairy vine

waste places - common on beaches
throughout

Naturalized from tropical America

PIPERACEAE

Piper arboricola C. DC.

creeper

lowland thickets often near the sea

Tw, Hn.

Piper retrofractum Vahl

Piper officinarum C. DC.

scandent shrub

coastal scrub

PM.

PITTOSPORACEAE

Pittosporum ferrugineum Ait.

shrub or tree to 15 m tall

common near rocky or sandy shores, also inland on mountains

PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Ph.

Pittosporum moluccanum (Lam.) Miq.

shrub or small tree

occurs near the sea, but mostly inland

Ph, Tw.

Pittosporum pentandrum (Blanco) Merr.

small tree

sea shores and secondary growth

Ph, Tw, Hn.

Pittosporum tobira Ait.

evergreen shrub

coastal, rocks

Tw, Gx, Gd, Fj.

PLUMBAGINACEAE

Limonium sinense (Girard) Kuntze
herb 15-60 cm tall
sandy shores and salt marshes
Vt, Tw, Hn, Gd, Fj.

Limonium wrightii (Hance) Kuntze
shrubby plant
among rocks on the seashore
Tw.

POLYGALACEAE

Salomonia ciliata (L.) DC.
Salomonia oblongifolia DC.
herb to 25 cm tall
open sandy places, sand dunes
Sk, Bn, Sb, Ph, Th, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd.

POLYGONACEAE

Rumex maritimus L.
herb to 55 cm tall
wasteground and seashores
Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

PORTULACACEAE

Portulaca oleracea L.
succulent herb
waste places, sandy shores, often cultivated
PM, Bo., Ph, Cm, Vt, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Portulaca pilosa L.
succulent herb
dry waste places including beaches
Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj, Paracel Is.

PRIMULACEAE

Anagallis arvensis L.
prostrate herb 10-30 cm long
coastal and inland grassland
Tw, Gd, Fj.

Androsace umbellata (Lour.) Merr.
rosette-forming herb
grassy places, often near the sea
Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Fj, Gd.

Lysimachia formosana Honda
herb
grassy places near the sea
Tw.

Lysimachia mauritiana Lam.
herb to 50 cm tall
coastal coral rocks and beaches, also inland
Ph, Tw, Gd, Fj.

RHAMNACEAE

Colubrina asiatica L. ex Brongn.
shrub to 3 m tall
sandy and rocky shores
PM, Sk, Sb, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd, Gx, Spratly Is., Pratas Is.

Smythea lanceata (Tul.) Summerh.
Smythea pacifica Seem.
liana
seashores
PM.

RHIZOPHORACEAE

Bruguiera cylindrica (L.) Blume
Bruguiera caryophylloides Blume
tree to 23 m tall
muddy mangroves
PM, Sp, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph, Hn, Gd.

Bruguiera gymnorhiza (L.) Savigny
tree to 36 m tall
mangroves, usually to the landward fringe
PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Bruguiera hainesii C.G. Rogers
tree to 33 m tall
inland edge of mangrove
Th.

Bruguiera parviflora (Roxb.) Wight & Arn. ex Griff.
tree to 24 m tall
inner side of mangrove forests
PM, Sp, Sb, Sk, Th, Vt, Ph.

Bruguiera sexangula (Lour.) Poir.
Bruguiera eriopetala Wight & Arn. ex Arn.
tree to 33 m tall
mangroves, usually to the landward fringe
PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Hn, Gd.

Ceriops decandra (Griff.) W. Theob.
small tree to 15 m tall
mangrove
PM, WK, Sk, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph.

Ceriops tagal (Pers.) C.B. Rob.
Ceriops candoliana Arn.
tree to 15 m tall
mangrove
PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Cm, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd.

Kandelia candel (L.) Druce
Kandelia rheedei Wight & Arn.
shrub or small tree to 7 m tall
banks of tidal rivers
PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Rhizophora apiculata Blume
Rhizophora conjugata auct. non L.
stilt-rooted tree to 30 m tall
mangrove gregarious on soft estuarine mud
PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd.

Rhizophora mucronata Lam.
stilt-rooted tree to 30 m tall
gregarious mangrove of muddy or sandy shores
PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw.

Rhizophora stylosa Griff.
stilt-rooted tree to 10 m tall
sandy and rocky shores
PM, Sp, Ri, Sb, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd.

ROSACEAE

Eriobotrya bengalensis (Roxb.) Hook.f.
shrub or large tree to 27 m tall
offshore islands, limestone hills and mountains
PM.

Osteomeles anthyllidifolia Lindl. var. *subrotunda* (C. Koch) Masam.
small shrub
Tw (Lanyu Island), ?MC.

Rosa bracteata Wendl. var. *scabricaulis* Lindl. ex Koidz.
erect or scandent shrub
seashores and sandy hills
Tw, MC.

RUBIACEAE

Canthium cochinchinensis Pierre ex Pit.
shrub or small tree
open areas and rocky places near the sea
PM.

Gardenia florida L.
shrub
back mangrove
Vt.

Guettarda speciosa L.
tree to 10 m tall
sea shores
PM, Sp, Th, Tw, Hn, Gd, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Hedyotis strigulosa Bartl. var. *parvifolia* (Hook. & Arn.) Yamazaki
Hedyotis coreana auct. non Lév.
herb 8-15 cm tall
seacoasts
Ph, Tw.

Hedyotis herbacea L.
Oldenlandia heynei (R.Br. ex Wight & Arn.) G. Don
Oldenlandia herbacea (L.) Roxb.
bushy herb to 60 cm tall
open sandy places, often near the sea
PM.

Hedyotis pachycarpa Ridl.
herb to 30 cm tall
damp forest near the sea
PM.

Hedyotis racemosa Lam.
herb 15-30 cm tall
grassy places near the sea
Tw.

Hydnophytum formicarum Jack
large tuberous myrmecophytic epiphyte
forest near the sea, also in the mountains
PM, Sp, Bo.

Hymenodictyon orixense (Roxb.) Mabb.
Hymenodictyon excelsum (Roxb.) Wall. ex DC.
tree to 12 m tall
lowland forest
PM.

Morinda citrifolia L.
tree to 9 m tall
lowland forests and rocky coasts, often cultivated
PM, Sp, Tw, Hn, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Morinda umbellata L.
climber
sea shores to mountains
PM, Sp, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd.

Myrmecodia tuberosa Jack
spiny ant-inhabited tuberous epiphyte
lowland forest, usually near the sea
PM, Sp, Bo.

Oxyceros hoaensis (Pierre ex Pitard) Tirveng.
Randia hoaensis Pierre ex Pitard
shrub
back mangrove
Vt.

Oxyceros longiflora (Lam.) T. Yamaz.
Randia longiflora Lam.
very thorny scrambling shrub
common along rivers and near the sea
PM, Sp.

Prismatomeris tetrandra (Roxb.) K. Schum. ssp. *malayana* (Ridl.) J.T. Johanss.
Prismatomeris malayana Ridl.
shrub to 3 m tall
rocky shores, lowland forest, limestone
PM, Ri.

Psychotria maingayi Hook.f.
slender climber
lowland forest, often near the sea
PM.

Scyphiphora hydrophyllacea C.F. Gaertn.
tree to 6 m tall, sometimes with stilt roots
sea shores and mangrove swamps
PM, Sp, Bn, Th, Vt, Ph, Hn.

Spermacoce articularis L.f.
Borreria articularis (L.f.) F.N. Will.
Borreria hispida auct. non (L.) K. Schum.
rough wiry herb
sandy waste ground, common near the sea
PM, Sp, Tw, Hn, Gd, Paracel Is.

Timonius compressicaulis (Miq.) Boerl.
Timonius finlaysonianus Hook.f.
shrub or small tree to 7 m tall
sandy and rocky shores
PM, Sp.

Wendlandia ternifolia Cowan
shrub to 5 m tall
rocky coasts
PM.

RUTACEAE

Atalantia monophylla (L.) DC.
spiny shrub to 6 m tall
rocky and sandy coasts, dry open places
PM, Sp.

Glycosmis mauritiana (Lam.) Tanaka var. *mauritiana*
Glycosmis rupestris Ridl.
shrub
usually on limestone, but also coastal
PM.

Limnocitrus littoralis (Miq.) Swingle
Pleiospermium littorale (Miq.) Tanaka
shrub to 2 m tall
brackish swamps and beaches
Vt.

Merope angulata (Willd.) Swingle
Merope longispina Hook.f.
spiny shrub or small tree
mangrove swamps
PM, Sp, Sk, Sb.

Severinia buxifolia (Poir.) Tenore
small shrub
seashores
Ph, Tw, MC.

Severinia disticha (Blanco) Swingle
shrub or tree to 10 m tall
beach forest
Sb, Ph.

Severinia paniculata (Warb.) Swingle
shrub or small tree
beach forest
Sb, Ph.

Toddalia asiatica (L.) Lam.
scandent shrub
secondary forest and waste ground near the sea
Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd.

SALVADORACEAE

Azima sarmentosa (Blume) Benth. & Hook.f.
shrub
muddy beaches
Hn.

SANTALACEAE

Dendrotrophe buxifolia (Blume) Miq. var. *buxifolia*
Henslowia buxifolia Blume
yellowish hemiparasitic shrubby twiner
dry open forest often near the sea
PM, Sp, Ri, Bo., Th, Cm, Vt.

SAPINDACEAE

Allophylus cobbe (L.) Raeusch. including vars. *glaber* Corner, *limosus* Corner, *marinus* Corner, *velutinus* Corner and *villosus* Corner
Allophylus fulvinervis (Blume) Blume
Allophylus glaber Roxb., nom. illeg.
Allophylus ternatus Lour.
Allophylus villosum (Roxb.) Blume
Allophylus scandens Ridl.
shrub or small tree to 15 m tall
lowland forests, often coastal on sandy beaches and rocky shores
PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Ph, Th.

Alectryon glaber (Blume) Radlk.

shrub or small tree

forest margins and coastal vegetation

Sb, Ph.

Cardiospermum halicacabum L.

trailing or climbing vine

cultivated ground, waste places near the sea

PM, Sk, Sb, Tw, Hn, Gd, Paracel Is.

Dodonaea viscosa Jacq.

shrub or small tree to 6 m tall

sandy shores, also inland

PM, Sk, Sb, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Ganophyllum falcatum Blume

tree to 24 m tall

forest, sometimes coastal

PM, Sk, Ph, Tw.

Lepisanthes rubiginosa (Roxb.) Leenah.

Erioglossum edule (Blume) Blume

Lepisanthes hirta Ridl.

tree to 10 m tall

inland and coastal forest, widely cultivated

PM.

Mischocarpus sundaicus Blume

Mischocarpus lessertianus Ridl.

tree to 6 m tall

sandy or swampy coastal forest, also inland

PM, Sk, Sb, Hn, Gd.

SAPOTACEAE

Manilkara kauki (L.) Dubard

Mimusops kauki L.

tree to 23 m tall

rocky shores

PM, Th, Vt.

Mimusops elengi L.

tree to 15 m tall

rocky headlands, widely planted

PM, Ri, Bo., Th, Ph.

Palaquium formosanum Hayata

tree to 20 m tall

tidal forests

Ph, Tw.

Pouteria linggensis (Burck) Baehni
Chrysophyllum curtisii King & Gamble
Sideroxylon littorale Ridl.
Planchonella linggensis (Burck) Pierre
tree to 20 m tall
rocky coasts and hill forest
PM, Sp, Sk, Ph.

Pouteria obovata (R.Br.) Baehni
Sideroxylon ferrugineum Hook. & Arn.
Planchonella obovata (R.Br.) Pierre
tree to 25 m tall
rocky and sandy shores, also on limestone
PM, Sp, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn.

Xantolis maritima (Pierre) P. Royen
spiny shrub or small tree to 8 m tall
sandy beaches
Vt.

SIMAROUBACEAE

Quassia indica (Gaertn.) Noot.
Samadera indica Gaertn.
tree to 20 m tall
tidal swamps
PM, Sp, Sk, Bn, Sb, Vt, Ph.

Soulamea amara Lam.
shrub or small tree to 5 m tall
sandy beaches and behind coral reefs
WK, Sk, Sb.

STERCULIACEAE

Heritiera littoralis Dryand.
small bushy tree to 15 m tall
sea shores, mangrove swamps
PM, Sp, Bn, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd.

Sterculia foetida L.
tree to 30 m tall
lowland forest, often near the sea
PM, Sp, Sb, Ph.

Waltheria arenaria Ridl.
wiry creeper
sandy places near the sea
PM.

Waltheria indica L.

shrub to 1 m tall

sea shores

PM, Sp.

SURIANACEAE

Suriana maritima L.

shrub to 3 m tall

sandy beaches, mostly on small islands

Ph, Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

THYMELAEACEAE

Gonystylus brunnescens Airy Shaw

tree to 36 m tall

lowland forest, often near the sea

PM.

Linostoma pauciflorum Griff.

liana to 30 m long

lowland forest margins, often near the sea

PM, Sp, Bo., Th.

THEACEAE

Eurya emarginata (Thunb.) Makino

shrub or small tree

on rocks near the sea

Tw, Fj.

TILIACEAE

Brownlowia argentata Kurz

Brownlowia riedelii Hemsl.

shrub or small tree to 18 m tall

mangroves, tidal channels

PM, Sp, WK, Bn, Sb.

Brownlowia tresa (L.) Kosterm.

Brownlowia lanceolata Benth.

shrub to 5 m tall

mangrove

PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Bn, Th, Ph.

Colona serratifolia Cav.

Columbia serratifolia (Cav.) DC.
small tree to 15 m tall
near the sea
PM.

Grewia piscatorum Hance

shrub to 3 m tall
seashores and inland
Tw, Hn, Fj.

Triumfetta grandidens Hance

prostrate shrublet
sandy shores
PM, Hn, Gd, Paracel Is.

Triumfetta procumbens G. Forst.

herb
sandy beaches
Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Triumfetta repens (Blume) Merr. & Rolfe

Triumfetta subpalmata Sol. ex Hemsl.
prostrate shrub
sandy shores and waste places
PM, Bo., Th, Cm, Vt, Ph.

UMBELLIFERAE

Glehnia littoralis Schmidt ex Miq.

low herb
along the seashore
Tw, Hn, Gd, Gx, Fj.

Peucedenum japonicum Thunb.

herb
coastal
Tw, Fj.

VERBENACEAE

Callicarpa kotoensis Hayata

small shrub
near the coast
Tw.

Clerodendrum inerme (L.) Gaertn.

scandent shrub

sandy and muddy shores

PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Gx, Gd, Fj, Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Gmelina elliptica Sm.

Gmelina villosa Roxb.

thorny scrambling shrub to 8 m tall

open country near the sea

PM, Bo., Ph.

Phyla nodiflora (L.) Greene

Lippia nodiflora (L.) Michx.

creeping herb

sandy places near the sea, waste ground

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph, Tw, Hn, Spratly Is., Paracel Is.

Premna serratifolia L.

Premna littoralis King & Gamble

Premna angustior (C.B. Clarke) Ridl.

Premna integrifolia L. nom. illeg.

Premna obtusifolia R.Br.

Premna corymbosa Rottl. & Willd.

sea shore creeper or small shrub, also inland

PM, Sp, Bo., Tw, Gx, Gd, Spratly Is., Paracel Is.

Vitex negundo L.

shrub

usually near the coast, also cultivated

PM, Ph.

Vitex rotundifolia L.f.

Vitex trifolia L. var. *simplicifolia* Cham.

prostrate shrub to 2.5 m tall

sandy shores

PM, Ph, Bo., Th, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj, Paracel Is.

ZYGOPHYLLACEAE

Tribulus cistoides L.

decumbent herb

sandy beaches and coastal dunes

Ph, Hn, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Tribulus terrestris L.

creeping herb to 1 m long

sandy shores

Vt, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj, Paracel Is.

LILIOPSIDA

AMARYLLIDACEAE

Crinum asiaticum L.

Crinum northianum Baker

Crinum deflexum auct. non Ker Gawl.

herb to 2 m tall

sandy places, coastal and riverine forest

PM, Sp, Bn, Sk, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd, Pratas Is.

Proiphys amboinensis (L.) Herb.

Euryclies sylvestris Salisb. ex Schult.

bulbous herb to 30 cm tall

sandy and rocky places near the sea

PM, Th, Ph.

ARACEAE

Aglaodorum griffithii (Schott) Schott

Aglaonema griffithii Schott

creeping herb to 40 cm tall

in tidal swamps, often among nypah palms

PM, Sp, Bo., Vt.

Cryptocoryne ciliata (Roxb.) Schott

aquatic herb

back mangrove and on tidal mud

PM, Sp, Sk, Vt.

Lasia spinosa (L.) Thwaites

prickly herb

swampy forest, including those under slightly brackish conditions

PM, Sk, Bn, Sb, Vt.

ASPARAGACEAE

Asparagus cochinchinensis (Lour.) Merr.

erect, procumbent or climbing herb

coastal limestone, also inland

Vt, Ph, Tw, MC.

COMMELINACEAE

Commelina attenuata Koen. ex Vahl

tufted creeping herb

sandy shores

Sp.

Commelina auriculata Blume
herb
seashores, riverbanks and roadsides
Tw.

COLCHICACEAE

Gloriosa superba L.
herbaceous climber to 2 m tall
sandy beaches and dunes, waste ground inland
Th, Vt (garden escape elsewhere).

CYMODOCEACEAE

Cymodocea rotundata Ehrenb. & Hempr. ex Asch.
sea-grass
PM, Sp, Ri, Sb, Th, Ph, Hn.

Cymodocea serrulata (R.Br.) Asch. & Magnus
sea-grass
PM, Sp, Sb, Ph.

Halodule pinifolia (Miki) Hartog
sea-grass
PM, Sp, Sb, Th, Vt, Tw, Hn.

Halodule uninervis (Forssk.) Asch.
sea-grass
PM, Sp, Sb, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn., Pratas Is.

Syringodium isoetifolium (Asch.) Dandy
sea-grass on muddy bottoms
PM, Sp, Sb, Vt, Ph, Gd, Pratas Is.

Thalassodendron ciliatum (Forssk.) Hartog
sea-grass to 45 cm tall
shallow water
Ph.

CYPERACEAE

Bolboschoenus planiculmis (F. Schmidt) T. Koyama
stoloniferous herb
brackish wetlands
Tw.

Bulbostylis barbata (Rottb.) C.B. Clarke
herb
sea shore
PM, Sp, Bo., Bn, Ph, Th, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gd.

Bulbostylis puberula (Poir.) C.B. Clarke
herb
sea shore
PM, Sp, Ri, Bn, Bo., Th.

Carex brownii Tuckerm.
tufted herb to 70 cm tall
open damp places
Tw.

Carex kobomugi Ohwi
creeping herb to 1 m long
sand dunes
Tw.

Carex makinoensis Franch.
densely tufted herb to 80 cm tall
open grasslands including those near the sea
Tw.

Carex metallica Lév.
tufted herb 30-70 cm tall
grasslands near the sea
Tw.

Carex pumila Thunb.
tufted, stoloniferous herb
sandy places near the sea
Tw, Gd.

Carex scabrifolia Steud.
short-creeping herb to 50 cm tall
tidal estuaries and lagoons
Tw.

Carex wahuensis C.A. Mey. ssp. *robusta* (Franch. & Sav.) T. Koyama
tufted herb 20-80 cm tall
sandy and rocky shores
Tw.

Cladium jamaicense Crantz ssp. *chinense* (Nees ex Hook. & Arn.) T. Koyama
Cladium mariscus (L.) Pohl ssp. *jamaicense* (Crantz) Kük.
herb 1-3 m tall
wet places near the coast, also on mountains
Tw.

Cyperus compactus Retz.

Mariscus microcephalus Presl

Mariscus compactus (Retz.) Bold.

herb usually about 50 cm tall

swamps and other wet places up to 500 m

common near rivers and the sea

PM, Sp, Bo., Bn, Th, Ph, Tw, MC.

Cyperus dubius Rottb.

Mariscus dregeanus Kunth

Mariscus dubius (Rottb.) Kük.

small herb up to 50 cm

sandy beaches, also inland

PM, Sp, Ri, Th, Ph, MC.

Cyperus javanicus Houtt.

Mariscus albescens Gaudich.

Mariscus javanicus [non Kuntze] (Houtt.) Merr. & F.P. Metcalf

herb to about 70 cm tall

mangrove, sea shore, occasionally inland

PM, Bo., Bn, Th, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd, Spratly Is., Paracel Is.

Cyperus malaccensis Lam.

herb to nearly 200 cm

mostly on tidal mud

PM, Bo., Th, Vt, Ph, Hn, Gd.

Cyperus monophyllus Vahl

Cyperus malaccensis var. *brevifolius* Boeck.

herb to 1.5 m tall

on muddy beaches

Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Cyperus procerus Rottb.

Pycrus puncticulatus auct. non Nees

herb to about 125 cm tall

open damp or wet places, often near the sea

PM, Th, Vt, Gd.

Cyperus radians Nees & Meyen.

herb about 30 cm tall when flowering

sea shores

PM, Bo., Bn, Th, Vt, Tw, MC.

Cyperus stoloniferus Retz.

creeping herb to 50 cm tall

sandy shores and tidal mud

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph, Tw, Hn, Fj, Gd, Paracel Is.

Eleocharis geniculata (L.) Roem. & Schult.
tufted herb to 30 cm tall
sometimes coastal
PM, Bo., Th, Ph, Tw, Gd.

Fimbristylis argentea (Rottb.) Vahl
small tufted herb to 10 cm
damp hollows near the sea
PM, Th, Cm, Vt.

Fimbristylis cymosa R.Br.
Fimbristylis spathacea Roth
densely tufted herb to 50 cm
on muddy, sandy or rocky shores
PM, Bo., Bn, Th, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj, Spratly Is., Paracel Is.

Fimbristylis ferruginea (L.) Vahl
Fimbristylis polytrichoides auct. non R.Br.
tufted herb to 80 cm
muddy wet places near the sea
PM, Bo., Bn, Th, Ph, Hn, Gd, Fj, Paracel Is.

Fimbristylis ovata (Burm.f.) Kern
tufted herb to 40 cm tall
open grassland and sandy shores
Bo., Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Fimbristylis polytrichoides (Retz.) R.Br.
herb to 30 cm tall
open wet places, usually near the sea
PM, Th, Ph.

Fimbristylis sericea R.Br.
herb to 30 cm tall
sandy shores
PM, Sk, Th, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gd, Fj.

Fimbristylis sieboldii Miq. ssp. *sieboldii*
herb to 40 cm tall
seacoasts
Th, Tw.

Fimbristylis sieboldii Miq. ssp. *anpinensis* (Hayata) T. Koyama
herb to 65 cm tall
seacoasts
Tw.

Kyllinga brevifolia Rottb.

Cyperus brevifolius (Rottb.) Hassk.

herb to 40 cm tall

damp grassy places to 1500 m, common near the sea

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Paracel Is.

Pycreus polystachyos (Rottb.) Beauv.

Cyperus polystachyos Rottb.

herb to about 60 cm

damp open places to 1800 m, frequent near the sea

PM, Bo., Bn, Th, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd, Fj, Paracel Is.

Remirea maritima Aubl.

Cyperus pedunculatus (R.Br.) Kern

Mariscus pedunculatus (R.Br.) T. Koyama

creeping herb to 15 cm tall

sandy beaches

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd.

Rhynchospora rugosa (Vahl) Gale

Rhynchospora glauca Vahl var. *chinensis* C.B. Clarke

densely tufted herb to 75 cm tall

sandy places near the sea or mountain tops

PM, Ri, Bo., Bn, Th, Ph, Gd.

Schoenus apogon Roem. & Schult.

slender herb 20-40 cm tall

open wet grasslands near the sea

Tw.

Scirpodendron ghaeri (Gaertn.) Merr.

Scirpodendron costatum (Thwaites) Kurz

pandan-like plant

tidal swamps and along rivers

PM, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Ph.

DRACAENACEAE

Dracaena breviflora Ridl.

nearly stemless shrub

tidal mud

PM.

ERIOCAULACEAE

Eriocaulon poilanei Moldenke

stemless herb to 5 cm tall

grassy places near the sea

Vt.

FLAGELLARIACEAE

Flagellaria indica L.

climber 2-15 m long

common in damp forest near the sea, but also inland to 1500 m

PM, Sp, Bo., Ph, Th, Cm, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gd.

GRAMINEAE

Acroceras munroanum (Balansa) Henrard

Acroceras ridleyi (Hack. ex Ridl.) Stapf ex Ridl.

stoloniferous herb to 50 cm tall

coastal sands, moist shady places

PM, Bo., Th, Ph.

Arundo formosana Hack.

bamboo-like grass

mostly growing hanging on cliffs

Tw.

Bothriochloa kwashotensis (Hayata) Ohwi

Capillipedium kwashotensis (Hayata) C. Hsu

densely tufted herb

coastal regions

Tw, Ph.

Chrysopogon aciculatus (Retz.) Trin.

spreading herb

sandy places, common near the sea

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph, Tw, Hn.

Chrysopogon fulvus (Spreng.) Chiov.

tufted herb

dry open places, in Malaysia restricted to island bird colonies

PM, Th.

Chrysopogon orientalis (Desv.) A. Camus

Chrysopogon wightianus (Nees ex Steud.) Thwaites

creeping herb to 80 cm tall

on limestone or coastal sand

PM, Th, Vt.

Digitaria bicornis (Lam.) Roem. & Schult.

tufted herb to 60 cm tall

waste places to 2000 m, sandy beaches and dunes

PM, Bo., Ph.

Digitaria fuscescens (Presl) Henr.
mat-forming herb
sandy places including beaches and dunes
PM, Bo., Ph.

Digitaria henryi Rendle
slender prostrate herb
inland and common near the sea
Vt, Tw, MC, Pratas Is.

Digitaria heterantha (Hook.f.) Merr.
Digitaria barbata auct. non Willd.
Digitaria dispar Henrard
creeping herb to 80 cm tall
locally common on sandy beaches
PM, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Gx, Gd, Spratly Is.

Digitaria Marianensis Merr.
spreading herb to 60 cm tall
grassy places including beaches
Ph.

Digitaria mollicoma (Kunth) Henrard
mat-forming herb to 50 cm tall
open sites in the lowlands, sometimes coastal
Sp, Bo., Ph, Tw.

Eragrostis japonica (Thunb.) Trin.
Eragrostis interrupta auct. non (R.Br.) P. Beauv.
herb 60-120 cm tall
sand bars and beaches
PM, Bo., Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, MC.

Eriachne trisetoides Nees ex Steud.
Massia trisetoides (Nees ex Steud.) Balansa
tufted herb to 80 cm tall
dry sandy places, often near the sea
PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph.

Eriochloa procera (Retz.) C.E. Hubb.
Eriochloa annulata (Flüggé) Kunth
herb 60-150 cm tall
waste ground, especially near the sea
PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph, Vt, Tw, Hn, MC, Paracel Is.

Eulalia ridleyi (Hack.) A. Camus
creeping herb to 45 cm tall
coastal sand dunes
PM.

Heteropholis cochinchinensis (Lour.) Clayton var. *chenii* (C. Hsu) Sosef & de Koning
Thaumastochloa chenii C. Hsu
herb 15-30 cm tall
beaches
endemic to southernmost Tw

Heteropogon contortus (L.) P. Beauv. ex Roem. & Schult.
tufted herb 25-100 cm tall
sandy coasts and inland
PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, MC, Paracel Is.

Imperata conferta (J. Presl) Ohwi
Imperata exaltata auct. non Brongn.
rhizomatous herb to 200 cm tall
open places usually near the sea
PM, Sp, Bo., Ph.

Imperata cylindrica (L.) P. Beauv. var. *major* (Nees) C.E. Hubb. ex C.E. Hubb. & R.E. Vaughn
Imperata arundinacea Cirillo
rhizomatous herb about 100 cm tall
frequent colonizer of bare ground in lowlands and mountains, common near the sea
PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph, Tw, Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Ischaemum aureum (Hook. & Arn.) Hack.
herb 20-30 cm tall
coastal regions
Tw.

Ischaemum muticum L.
long-creeping herb 15-40 cm tall, often turf-forming
common particularly near the sea
PM, Sp, Bo., Ph, Th, Tw.

Ischaemum setaceum Honda
herb
coastal
Tw.

Lepturus repens (G. Forst.) R.Br.
creeping herb to 50 cm tall
coastal sands
PM, Sp, Bo., Ph, Tw, Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Melinis repens (Willd.) Zizka
Rhynchelytrum repens (Willd.) C.E. Hubb.
Tricholaena rosea Nees
herb to 70 cm tall
sandy places, waste ground, common near the sea
PM, Sp, Bo., Ph, Tw, Gd, Paracel Is.
Naturalized from tropical Africa.

Mnesithea geminata (Hack.) Ridl.

tufted herb to 60 cm tall

coastal areas

PM, Th.

Myriostachya wightiana (Nees ex Steud.) Hook.f.

densely tufted herb to 3 m tall

on estuarine or coastal mud

MP, Th, Vt.

Panicum repens L.

creeping herb to 90 cm tall

open places including sandy and muddy shores

MP, Sp, Ri, Sk, Sb, Ph, Th, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Paspalum vaginatum Sw.

Paspalum distichum auct. non L.

stoloniferous herb 25-50 cm tall

open places near the sea, rare inland

PM, Sp, Ri, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Ph, Tw, Hn, Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Perotis indica (L.) Kuntze

Perotis latifolia Aiton

tufted herb to 75 cm tall

sandy ground near the sea

PM, Bo., Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd, Paracel Is.

Perotis rara R. Br.

herb to 40 cm tall

sandy places including beaches

Vt, Tw, MC.

Schizachyrium sanguineum (Retz.) Alston

Schizachyrium semiberbe Nees

tufted herb 50-120 cm tall

sandy places, inland and near the sea

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph.

Spartina alternifolia Loisel.

tufted herb to 1.5 m tall

salt marshes and mudflats

Gd.

Spinifex littoreus (Burm.f.) Merr.

Spinifex squarrosus L.

stiff creeping bushy herb

sandy coasts

PM, Ph, Bo., Th, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj.

Sporobulus virginicus (L.) Kunth
tufted herb to 50 cm tall
seashores
Sp, Sk, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd, Fj, Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Stenotaphrum micranthum (Desv.) C.E. Hubb.
Stenotaphrum subulatum Trin.
herb
top of sandy ?corraline beaches
Spratly Is., Paracel Is.

Thuarea involuta (G. Forst.) R.Br. ex Roem. & Schult.
Thuarea sarmentosa Pers.
creeping herb 5-10 cm tall
sea shores
PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Zoysia matrella (L.) Merr. var. *matrella*
Zoysia pungens Willd.
mat-forming herb to 35 cm tall
sandy shores above high tide line
PM, Sp, Bo., Ph, Th, Vt, Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Paracel Is.

Zoysia matrella var. *pacifica* Goudswaard
mat-forming herb to 35 cm tall
sandy shores above high tide line
Ph, Tw.

HYDROCHARITACEAE

Enhalus acoroides (L.f.) Royle
Enhalus koenigii Rich.
sea-grass
growing to depths of 4 m
PM, Sp, Ri, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Hn.

Halophila beccarii Asch.
sea-grass
only uncovered at extreme low tides
PM, Sp, Sk, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd.

Halophila decipiens Ostenfeld
sea-grass growing to depths of 85 m
Th, Sb.

Halophila minor (Zoll.) Hartog
Halophila ovata Gaud.
sea-grass
to depths of 2 m
PM, Sp, Ri, Sb, Th, Ph, Hn, Gd, Spratly Is.

Halophila ovalis (R.Br.) Hook.f.

Halophila ovata auct. non Gaudich.

sea-grass

to at least 10 m underwater

PM, Sp, Ri, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd, Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Halophila spinulosa (R.Br.) Asch.

sea-grass

down to 15 m

PM, Sp, Ri, Ph.

Najas graminea Del.

aquatic herb

sometimes in slightly brackish water

Ph, Tw, Hn, Paracel Is.

Thalassia hemprichii (Ehrenb.) Asch.

sea-grass

commonly on coral sand

PM, Sp, Ri, Sb, Th, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Spratly Is., Pratas Is.

ORCHIDACEAE

Acriopsis liliiflora (J. König) Ormerod

Acriopsis javanica Reinw. ex Blume

epiphyte

sometimes in mangroves

MP, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph, Vt.

Aerides odorata Lour.

lowland epiphyte

common on trees near the sea

PM, Th, Vt, Ph.

Arachnis flosaeris (L.) Rchb.f.

Arachnis moschifera Blume

scrambler on limestone rocks, or mangrove epiphyte

PM, WK, Sb, Ph, Th.

Arachnis hookeriana (Rchb.f.) Rchb.f.

Arachnis alba (Ridl.) Schltr.

scrambler

in scrub near the seashore

PM, Sp, Ri, Sk, Bn, Sb, Cm, Vt.

Arachnis maingayi (Hook.f.) Schltr.

scandent herb

usually near the sea

PM, Sp, Ri, Sb.

Bulbophyllum acuminatum (Ridl.) Ridl.

Bulbophyllum stenophyllum Ridl.

creeping epiphyte

on old mangrove and riverside trees

PM, Sp, Bo.

Bulbophyllum blumei (Lindl.) J.J.Sm.

creeping epiphyte

on mangrove and riverside trees

PM, Sp, Bo., Ph.

Bulbophyllum botryophorum Ridl.

creeping epiphyte

on mangrove and riverside trees

PM, Sp, Bo.

Bulbophyllum cheiri Lindl.

Bulbophyllum megalanthum Griff.

epiphyte

on trees near the sea

PM, Bo., Ph.

Bulbophyllum concinnum Hook.f.

epiphyte

on mangrove and riverside trees

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Vt.

Bulbophyllum nigropurpureum Carr

epiphyte

on mangrove and riverside trees

PM, Sp.

Bulbophyllum purpurascens Teijsm. & Binnend.

Bulbophyllum rhizophoreti Ridl.

epiphyte

sometimes on mangrove trees

MP, Bo., Th.

Bulbophyllum restrepia Ridl.

epiphyte

on old mangrove and riverside trees

PM, Sp.

Bulbophyllum striatellum Ridl.

epiphyte

old mangrove and riverside trees

PM, Sp, Bo.

Bulbophyllum vaginatum (Lindl.) Rchb.f.
epiphyte
mangroves and inland forests
PM, Sp, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th.

Bulbophyllum vermiculare Hook.f.
creeping epiphyte
on lowland trees including mangroves
PM, Sp, Bo., Ph.

Bulbophyllum vesiculosum J.J.Sm.
Bulbophyllum corneri Carr
epiphyte
on old mangrove trees
collected once from Chua Chu Kang, Sp.

Cleisostoma halophilum (Ridl.) Garay
Saccolabium halophilum Ridl.
Ascochilus teres Ridl.
Sarcanthus halophilus (Ridl.) J.J.Sm.
pendulous epiphyte about 30 cm long
on lowland trees, often near the sea
PM, Sp, Sk, Sb.

Cleisostoma subulatum Blume
Saccolabium secundum (Griff.) Ridl.
Sarcanthus subulatus (Blume) Rchb.f.
epiphyte to 30 cm tall
on lowland trees, often near the sea
PM, Sk, Sb, Th, Cm, Ph.

Cleisostoma williamsonii (Rchb.f.) Garay
Saccolabium sacculatum (Ridl.) Ridl.
Sarcanthus sacculatus Ridl.
epiphyte about 30 cm long
Th, Vt, Sb.

Coelogyne mayeriana Rchb.f.
epiphyte about 30 cm tall
on old trees near the sea
PM, Bo.

Coelogyne rochussenii de Vriese
epiphyte about 30 cm tall
lowland forest, sometimes in mangroves
PM, WK, Sk, Bn, Sb, Th, Ph.

Cymbidium bicolor Lindl.
Cymbidium pubescens Lindl.
epiphyte
on exposed trees often near the sea
PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Cm, Vt, Ph, MC.

Cymbidium finlaysonianum Lindl.
epiphyte often forming large masses
on exposed lowland trees or coastal rocks
PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph.

Dendrobium cruentum Rchb.f.
epiphyte
sometimes near the coast
Th (endemic).

Dendrobium crumentatum Sw.
epiphyte
common on trees in the open and near the sea
MP, Sp, Bo., Th, Vt, MC.

Dendrobium flexile Ridl.
epiphyte about 12 cm long
on old mangrove and riverside trees
PM, Sp, Sk, Th.

Dendrobium helvolum J.J. Sm.
epiphyte
mangroves
WK.

Dendrobium indivisum (Blume) Miq. var. *indivisum*
epiphyte
inland and mangrove forest
PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Th, Ph.

Dendrobium korthalsii J.J. Sm.
epiphyte
mangroves
WK, Sg Njerakut.

Dendrobium pensile Ridl.
pendulous epiphyte to 120 cm long
on old mangrove and riverside trees
PM, Sp, Sb.

Dendrobium secundum (Blume) Lindl.
epiphyte to 1 m long
lowland epiphyte, often on exposed trees near the sea
PM, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph.

Dendrobium spegidoglossum Rchb.f.
Dendrobium flavidulum Ridl. ex Hook.f.
epiphyte about 60 cm long
on old mangrove trees
PM, Sp, Ri, Sb, Th.

Dendrobium spurium (Blume) J.J.Sm.

Dendrobium euphlebium Rchb.f. ex Lindl.

about 30 cm long

on limestone rocks or old mangrove trees

PM, Ph.

Dendrobium subulatum (Blume) Lindl.

epiphyte

sometimes on mangroves

MP, Bo., Th.

Dendrochilum longifolium Rchb.f.

Platyclinis longifolia (Rchb.f.) Hemsl.

creeping epiphyte

on old mangrove trees

PM, Bo.

Diplocaulobium longicolle (Lindl.) Kraenzl

Dendrobium longicolle Lindl.

epiphyte, occasionally terrestrial, to 40 cm tall

often on old mangrove trees

PM, Bo.

Dipodium paludosum (Griff.) Rchb.f

tufted herb to 1 m tall

open sandy places near the sea

PM, Sp, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph.

Eria bractescens Lindl.

epiphyte about 15 cm tall

montane forest and lowland trees near rivers or the sea

PM, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph.

Eria javanica (Sw.) Blume

epiphyte

lowland to montane forest, sometimes in mangroves

PM, WK, Sk, Sb, Th, Ph.

Eria longerepens Ridl.

long-creeping epiphyte to 30 cm tall

on mangrove trees

PM, Bo.

Eria neglecta Ridl.

epiphyte to 30 cm tall

often on mangrove or riverside trees

PM, Ri, Bo., Th.

Eria obliqua (Lindl.) Lindl.
tufted epiphyte to 10 cm tall
on mangrove and riverside trees
PM, Bo.

Eria ornata (Blume) Lindl.
epiphyte or epilith
sometimes on coastal rocks
MP, Bo., Th, Ph.

Eria pubescens (Hook.) Steud.
Eria albidotomentosa (Blume) Lindl.
epiphyte or epilith
sometimes on coastal rocks
MP, Th, Vt, Hn.

Eria pudica Ridl.
epiphyte about 15 cm tall
on old mangrove and riverside trees
PM, Sp, Sb.

Eria pulchella Lindl.
epiphyte
forests, sometimes on coastal rocks
PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Th.

Eria triloba Ridl.
epiphyte
mangroves and lowland forest
Sk.

Eulophia andamanensis Rchb.f.
Eulophia keithii Ridl.
herb
on rocks, sometimes coastal
Th, Cm, Vt.

Eulophia graminea Lindl.
weedy herb to 80 cm tall
open places in the lowlands, including seashores
PM, Sp, Sk, Bn, Th, Vt, Tw, MC.

Flickingeria comata (Blume) A.D. Hawkes
Desmotrichum criniferum Lindl.
Dendrobium comatum (Blume) Lindl.
much-branched epiphyte to 60 cm tall
lowland forests including mangroves
PM, ?Ph.

Flickingeria laciniosa (Ridl.) A.D. Hawkes

Desmotrichum laciniosum (Ridl.) Kraenzl.

Dendrobium laciniosum Ridl.

epiphyte about 30 cm long

probably on mangroves

known only from type

P. Seletar, Sp.

Flickingeria xantholeuca (Rchb.f.) A.D. Hawkes

Desmotrichum lonchophyllum Hook.f.

Desmotrichum pallidiflorum (Ridl.) Ridl.

Dendrobium xantholeucum Rchb.f.

much-branched epiphyte 15-30 cm tall

lowland trees including mangroves

PM, Sp, Ri, Bo., Th.

Grammatophyllum speciosum Blume

enormous epiphyte

sometimes on mangrove trees

MP, Sp, Bo., Ph, Th.

Liparis gibbosa Finet

Liparis disticha auct. non (Thouars) Lindl.

creeping epiphyte to about 20 cm tall

lowland to montane forest at 1500 m, including mangroves

PM, Th, Vt.

Luisia antennifera Blume

erect epiphyte

coastal forest

PM, Sk, Th, Vt.

Luisia zollingeri Rchb.f.

tufted herb

sometimes on coastal rocks

Bo., Th, Vt.

Microsaccus javensis Blume

epiphyte to 15 cm long

on lowland trees including mangroves

PM.

Microsaccus griffithii (C.S.P. Parish & Rchb.f.) Seidenf.

Microsaccus brevifolius J.J.Sm.

epiphyte to 10 cm long

on mangrove and riverside trees, also on limestone

PM, Sp, Th, Vt, Ph.

Oberonia ciliolata Hook.f.

epiphyte to 20 cm tall

lowlands, including mangroves and limestone, and mountains

PM.

Oberonia marina J.B. Comber
Oberonia rhizophoreti (non Schltr.) J.J.Sm.
tiny epiphyte barely 5 cm tall
on riverside trees
PM.

Paphiopedalum bullenianum (Rchb.f.) Pfitzer
epiphyte or growing on leaf litter
mangroves and inland forests
?PM, Sk.

Pholidota imbricata Hook.
herb
on limestone rocks, sometimes coastal
Th, Vt, MC.

Plocoglottis lowii Rchb.f.
Plocoglottis porphyrophylla Ridl.
herb to 100 cm or more tall
damp lowland forest, commoner near the sea
PM, Bo., Th.

Podochilus similis Blume
epiphyte
mangroves
Sk.

Pomatocalpa latifolia (Lindl.) J.J.Sm.
Saccolabium latifolium (Lindl.) Schltr.
Saccolabium hortense Ridl.
epiphyte, sometimes long-stemmed
lowlands, including mangroves
PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Ph, Th.

Pteroceras pallidum (Blume) Holttum
Sarcochilus caligaris Ridl.
small epiphyte to 10 cm tall
coastal forest
PM, Sp, WK, Th.

Pteroceras unguiculatum (Lindl.) H.A. Peders.
Sarcochilus unguiculatus Lindl.
Sarcochilus pallidus auct. non (Blume) Rchb.f.
epiphyte about 30 cm tall
mangroves, rocky seashores, inland forest
PM, Sb.

Renanthera elongata (Blume) Lindl.
long climbing epiphyte
lowlands often on rocks near the sea
PM, Sp, WK, Sk, Sb, Ph, Th.

Renantherella histrionica (Rchb.f.) Ridl. ssp. *histrionica*

Renanthera histrionica Rchb.f.

epiphyte to 60 cm long, often hanging
on old mangroves or trees and rocks in the hills
PM, Th.

Renantherella histrionica (Rchb.f.) Ridl. ssp. *auyongii* (Christenson) Senghas

epiphyte
trees near the sea
Sk.

Schoenorchis secundiflora (Ridl.) J.J.Sm.

Saccolabium secundiflorum Ridl.

small epiphyte to 10 cm tall
on old riverside and mangrove trees
PM, Bo., Th.

Taeniophyllum obtusum Blume

Taeniophyllum serrula Hook.f.

tiny leafless epiphyte with flat green roots, about 2 cm tall
exposed lowland trees including mangroves
PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt.

Thelasis carinata Blume

epiphyte to about 30 cm tall
mangrove, lowland and hill forest
PM, Sk, Sb, Ph, Th.

Thelasis pygmaea (Griff.) Blume

Thelasis elongata Blume

Thelasis triptera Rchb.f.

epiphyte to 25 cm tall
on old riverside and mangrove trees or inland
PM, Th, Vt, Ph, MC.

Thrixspermum carinatifolium (Ridl.) Schltr.

Dendrocolla carinatifolia (Ridl.) Ridl.

epiphyte about 20 cm long
on trees near the sea
PM.

Trichoglottis bipunctata (C.S.P. Parich & Rchb.f.) T. Tang & F.T. Wang

Trichoglottis misera (Ridl.) Holttum

epiphyte
sometimes in the mangroves
Th.

Trichoglottis geminata J.J. Sm.

climbing epiphyte or on rocks near the sea
Sb, Ph.

Vanda hastifera Rchb.f. var. *hastifera*
monopodial epiphyte
forest including mangrove
Sk, Sb.

Vanda lamellata Lindl.
forest epiphyte
often coastal
Sb, Ph.

PALMAE

Calamus burkillianus Becc. ex Ridl.
clustering rattan climbing to 20 m
forming thickets near the sea
PM.

Calamus erinaceus (Becc.) J. Dransf.
Calamus aquatilis Ridl.
robust thicket-forming rattan
backs of mangrove swamps, coastal sand bars
PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Ph.

Cocos nucifera L.
large feather palm to 25 m tall
sandy shores, widely planted
throughout.

Nypa fruticans Wurmb
rhizomatous rosette feather palm to 6 m tall
gregarious in tidal reaches of estuaries
PM, Sp, Sk, Bn, Th, Vt, Ph, Hn.

Oncosperma tigillarium (Jack) Ridl.
Oncosperma filamentosum Blume
20 m-tall spiny feather palm growing in many-stemmed clumps
common near the sea
PM, Sp, Th, Ph.

Phoenix paludosa Roxb.
clumping feather palm to 6 m tall
inland edge of mangrove forests
PM, Th, Vt.

PANDANACEAE

Freycinetia formosana Hemsl.

climber to 10 m tall

near the sea

Tw

Pandanus affinis Kurz

Pandanus aurantiacus Ridl.

shrub to 5 m tall

freshwater or brackish swamps

PM, Sp, Sk.

Pandanus dubius Spreng. var. *dubius*

erect stout-trunked plants

rocky and sandy shores

PM, Sb, Sk, Ph.

Pandanus epiphyticus Martelli

large shrub, often epiphytic

lowland forests along rivers, also on rocks near the sea

PM, Sk, Bn, Sb.

Pandanus horizontalis St John

shrub to 1.5 m tall

beaches

PM, Vt.

Pandanus odoratissimus L.f.

Pandanus fascicularis Lam.

Pandanus tectorius auctt. plur. non Parkinson ex Du Roi

Pandanus tectorius var. *sinensis* Warb.

large prop-rooted shrub

the common seashore pandan

PM, Sp, Sk, Sb, Th, Cm, Vt, Ph, Tw, Hn, Gd, Spratly Is., Paracel Is., Pratas Is.

Pandanus polycephalus Lam.

shrub

beaches

PM.

Pandanus rostratus Martelli

Pandanus corneri Kaneh.

stems to about 2 m

along streams near the sea

PM, Sp.

PHORMIACEAE

Dianella ensifolia (L.) DC.

Dianella parviflora Ridl.

tufted herb to 1 m tall

sea shores and open forest to 3000 m

PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Vt, Tw, Hn.

POSIDONIACEAE

Posidonia australis Hook.f.

sea grass

Hn.

POTAMOGETONACEAE

Ruppia maritima L.

submerged herb

brackish water

Tw, Hn, Gx, Gd, Fj, Pratas Is.

RESTIONACEAE

Leptocarpus disjunctus Mast.

rhizomatous sedge-like herb to 1 m tall

sandy places, often near the sea

PM, Th, Cm, Vt, Hn, Gx.

SMILACACEAE

Heterosmilax borneensis A. DC.

Heterosmilax indica auct. non A. DC.

slender vine to 3 m long

thickets near the sea

Sp.

STEMONACEAE

Stemona curtisii Hook.f.

Stemona tuberosa auct. non Lour.

vine to 3 m long

thickets near the sea, sometimes on limestone

PM.

TACCACEAE

Tacca leontopetaloides (L.) Kuntze
Tacca pinnatifida J.R. Forst. & G. Forst.
Tacca chantrieri auct. non André
tuberous herb to nearly 2 m tall
sandy places near the sea
PM, Sp, Bo., Th, Tw.

ZANNICHELIACEAE

Zannichelia palustris L.
submerged herb
brackish and freshwater
Tw.

ZINGIBERACEAE

Alpinia aquatica (Retz.) Roscoe
Alpinia melanocarpa (Teijsm. & Binn.) Ridl.
Languas melanocarpa (Teijsm. & Binn.) Burkll
herb to 2 m tall
locally common near the sea
PM, Bo.

ZOSTERACEAE

Zostera japonica Asch. & Graebner
sea-grass
Vt, Tw, Gd.

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