


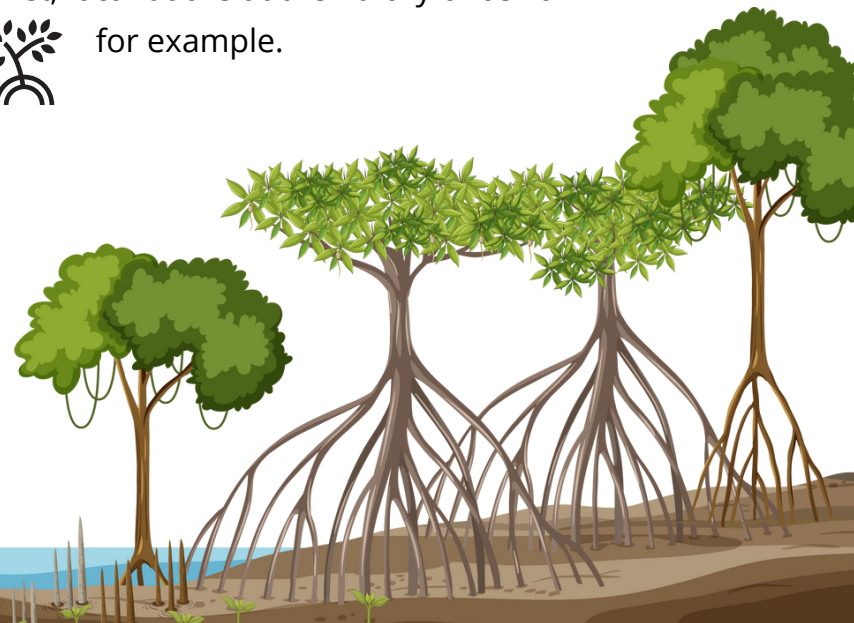
# Where Are My Mangroves?

The Puerto Rican Flycatcher can be found in many different habitats including mangrove forests. Mangroves are tropical plants that are adapted to loose, wet soils, salt water and being periodically submerged by tides. Most Caribbean wetlands are dominated by just four species: Red Mangrove (*Rhizophora mangle*), Black Mangrove (*Avicennia germinans*), White Mangrove (*Laguncularia racemosa*), and Buttonwood, or Button Mangrove (*Conocarpus erectus*).

They are found along the coastlines of most islands, at river mouths (riverine), fringing sheltered bays, around lagoons and ponds, and on islets and cays. Riverine mangrove trees can grow to more than 20 m (65 ft) high. Scrub mangroves are stunted shrubs, less than half a metre (18 in) high. **Do you know where you can find mangroves on your island?**

## For this activity you will need to:

- Print, draw or sketch a map of your island
- Find out where mangroves are in your island. You can search the internet, local books at the library or ask a teacher to help you. Then mark them on the map, using a tree icon  for example.
- Find out if there are protected areas in your country with mangroves. Mark these areas on your map too, using a different icon.
- Choose one of these protected areas and fill out the sheet on page 3.



# Map of .....



## Map key

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mangrove

protected area

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(Add name of protected area here)

## Location & Area

## Plants

(List types of mangroves & other plants found here)

## Animals

(List birds & other wildlife that live in this area here)

## Why is it important?

(List the reasons why this area is important, for example water cycling, homes for animals, provides food etc.)