



## SEA GRAPE

*(Coccoloba uvifera)*

This tree is common along the sea coast on sand dunes. It is a native of the West Indies, Florida, and Central America.

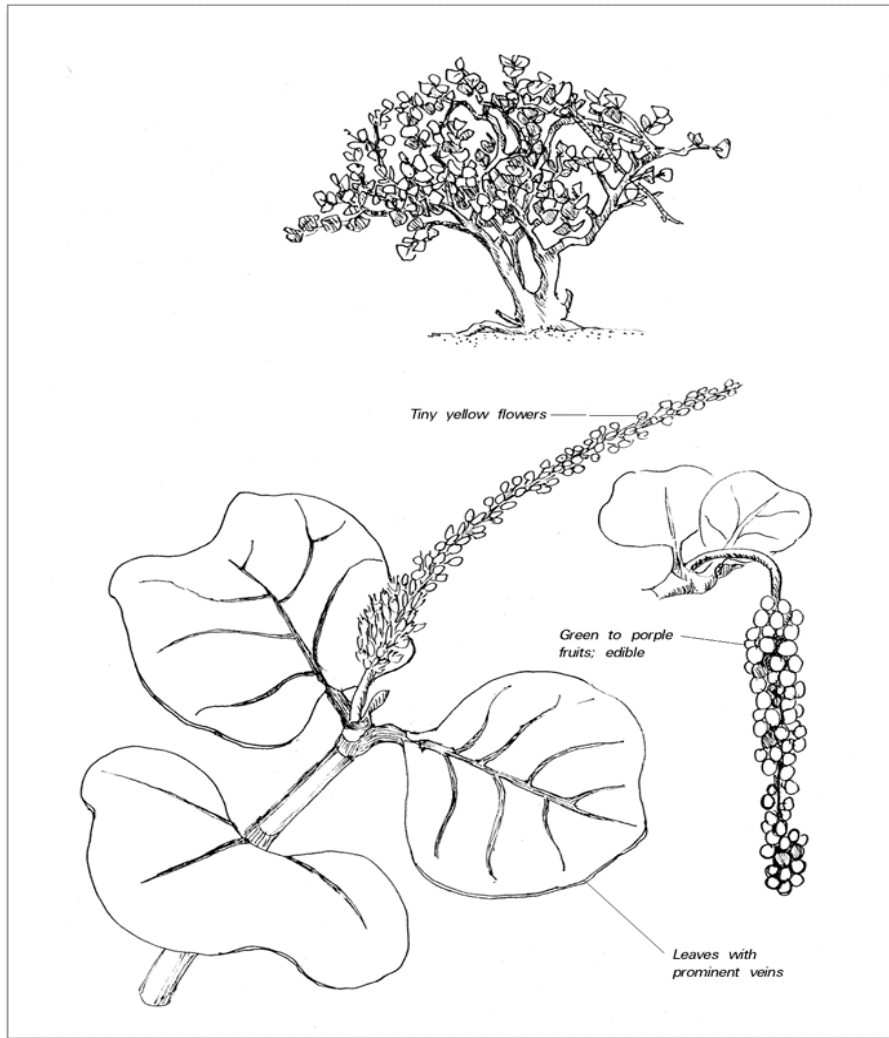
The trees usually attain a height of 1-5 m but some get as tall as 15 m. The white or greenish yellow flowers which grow on long slender structures appear from June to August. The fruits appear from March to October and are green when unripe and purplish when ripe. These 2 cm long fruits are edible though sour and grow in bunches like grapes do.

The leaves are broad and rounded and measure 12 cm to 20 cm wide. They are smooth and leathery and heart-shaped. The young leaves are often bright red.

The wood is hard and is sometimes used in cabinet making.

## SEA GRAPE (*Coccoloba uvifera*)

Family: <b>Polygonaceae</b>	Species: <i>Coccoloba uvifera</i>	Author: Linnaeus
--------------------------------	--------------------------------------	---------------------



Height: 15m	Habitat: Coastal areas	Persistence: Evergreen
----------------	---------------------------	---------------------------