

Kurio River Mangroves

A group of small mangroves (*Kandelia candel*) can be found in the southern coastal area of Yakushima, along the Kurio River. Unlike most plants and trees, mangroves contain complex salt filtration and root systems to cope with saltwater immersion, helping them to grow in salty conditions. Although not as large as the mangroves on neighboring Amami Island, this species has adapted to colder climates and so can be found as far north as Southern Kyushu. Mangroves appear only on this part of Yakushima, which is the warmest area on the island. The trees' beautiful white flowers start to bloom between June and July.