

CAYMAN ISLANDS WILD TREES & SHRUBS

Family: BORAGINACEAE

Broadleaf *Cordia sebestena* var. *caymanensis*

(Geiger Tree - US, Red Cordia)

Leaves: Alternate, rough, used for polishing turtle shells
Shrub or small tree, **highly salt-tolerant**. Cayman has her own endemic variety, different from that of Florida, the West Indies and continental tropical America.

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Spanish Elm *Cordia gerascanthus*

It was used for making the Catboat mast, gaff and boom and in general construction.

Leaves: Alternate. The white flowers turn brown and act as parachutes to aid seed dispersal.

Tree: Greater Antilles, Mexico, Central America & Colombia.

