

Rubber bush

Calotropis procera

Rubber bush is declared a Class B - South of 16°30' S latitude (growth and spread to be controlled) and C (not to be introduced) weed in the Northern Territory.

Rubber bush is a declared weed in accordance with the *Weeds Management Act*.

HABIT



Small tree or spreading shrub, generally up to 4m. Branches may shoot from the base of the plant.

STEMS & BRANCHES



Stems are smooth, grey-green when young; mature stems have deeply grooved 'corky' grey bark.

LEAVES



Large, opposite, rubbery grey-green leaves. Each pair of opposite leaves is at right angles to adjacent pairs. Leaves do not have stalks, so appear attached to the stem.

FLOWERS



The flowers are purple/pink and white. The five petals have a waxy feel and appearance. The flowers grow in groups in the upper leaf forks.

FRUIT & SEED



The fruit is green in colour and 7 - 12cm long. They are rounded at the base and pointed at the tip, like a mango. The fruit contains small seeds which have long silky hairs to aid dispersal.

Weed Management Officers from the Weed Management Branch can provide advice on all aspects of weed management including control techniques, biological control, legislative responsibilities, policy advice, monitoring and reporting and regional planning. For further information on weed management planning, integrated control, herbicide application techniques and monitoring please refer to the [NT Weed Management Handbook](#).