

Ornamental rubber vine is declared a Class A (to be eradicated) and C (not to be introduced) weed in the Northern Territory.

Ornamental rubber vine is a declared weed in accordance with the *Weeds Management Act*.

Rubber vine, ornamental

Cryptostegia madagascariensis

HABIT



Woody, many-stemmed vine climbing 30m into tree canopies, or 1 - 3m as a shrub if unsupported.

The plant releases a milky sap when broken or cut.

LEAVES



Shiny dark green leaves in opposite pairs, 6 - 10cm long and 3 - 5cm wide. Leaf stalk is not purple, which distinguishes it from the similar 'true' rubber vine (*C. grandiflora*).

FLOWERS



Ornamental rubber vine flowers are 4 - 6cm long and about 2.5cm wide. They are trumpet-shaped with 5 petals, pink to purple inside and outside.

Flowers December to February.

SEED PODS



The seeds form in large pods that grow mostly in pairs.

The pods are 7 - 9cm long, 3 - 4cm wide and contain more than 300 brown seeds.

SEEDS



The seeds have a tuft of long white silky hair at one end and are easily spread by wind, water and birds.

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](#).