

Rubber vine

Cryptostegia grandiflora

Rubber vine is declared a Class A (to be eradicated) and C (not to be introduced) weed in the Northern Territory and is a Weed of National Significance in Australia.

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

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 purplish, which distinguishes it from the similar Ornamental rubber vine (*C. madagascariensis*).

FLOWERS



Rubber vine flowers are 5 - 6cm long and about 3.5cm wide. They are trumpet-shaped with 5 petals, white inside and pink to purple outside.

Flowers August to December.

SEED PODS



The seeds form in large pods that grow mostly in pairs. The pods are up to 15cm long, 4cm wide and contain more than 300 brown seeds.

SEEDS



The seeds are brown and flat, with a tuft of long white silky hairs 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](#).