

Rubber Bush



Calotropis procera

Habit: Shrubs up to 5m with large grey-green, waxy leaves. Flowers are white & purple. Large green seed pods contain many feathery seeds. People get rashes from the milky sap.

Spread: Seeds are carried long distances in wind and water.

Weed because: they have spread by pushing out native plants and taking over Kimberley woodland, grassland & river areas.

METHODS

Cut & Paint or Spray

Cut medium & large shrubs to ground level with a brushcutter and paint or spray with herbicide.

Hand Pull

Pulling small plants is easy after rain. Larger plants might be pulled with a vehicle.

Burn Piles

When a large patch has been removed, leave to dry and then burn piled plants to remove fire hazard.

Burn areas

Where lots of seed is on the ground, burn areas or rake leaf litter into a pile and burn.

New Plants

Carefully spray or pull small plants. Make sure to get the roots as well.