

## Ornamental tapioca, cassava - *Manihot grahamii*

**Form:** Branched shrub 1-5m tall with white latex in all parts.

**Leaves:** Large, with 5-12 slender spreading 5-10cm long lobes, dark green. Deciduous.

**Flowers:** Summer. Small clusters of creamy to pale green flowers, fruits greenish, rounded, 1.5-2cm long.

**Fruits:** Three large mottled seeds in each fruit, dispersed by water and soil movement. Dormancy up to 15 years.

**Impacts:** Forms dense thickets along creek banks.

**Control:** Pull or dig out seedlings, cut stump and poison larger plants.

**Ongoing management:** Check area every second year for at least 15 years, pulling or cut-stumping plants.



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