Manihot glaziovii Mull.Arg.

**Family:**
Euphorbiaceae


**Common name:**
Ceara Rubber Tree

**Stem**
Usually a shrub or small tree to 6 m tall but may grow to 20 m. Root tubers absent. Bark silvery grey, flaky. Copious milky exudate flows from cut stems.

**Leaves**
Stipules lanceolate, ca. 5 mm long. Leaves bluish-green, petioles often reddish; deeply palmatifid, 3-5 lobed, the lobes broadly ovate, obovate or obovate-lanceolate, 4-15 cm long, 2-9.5 cm wide; discolorous with underneath paler; tip obtuse to rounded; base attenuate to rounded. Milky exudate flows from cut leaves.

**Flowers**
Male flowers: pedicels 7-9 mm long; calyx lobes triangular, 8-9 mm long, ca. 6 mm wide, tube 6-7 mm long. Female flowers: pedicels 8-15 mm long; calyx lobes lanceolate, ca. 12 mm long, 3.5-4 mm wide.

**Fruit**
Fruit globose, 18-20 mm long, 18-22 mm diameter. Seeds 3, oboid, 13-15 mm long, 9-12 mm wide.

**Seedlings**
Features not available.

**Distribution and Ecology**
Occurs in NEQ, introduced, sometimes cultivated and occasionally naturalised. Altitudinal range in NEQ near sea level. Grows in high rainfall riparian forest and rain forest.

**Natural History & Notes**
Long cultivated in South America as a source of rubber. Food and other uses are also recorded.

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