**Ricinus communis | Castor-oil Bush**

**EUPHORBIACEAE | Origin: Tropical Africa | [108 records from 74 squares]**

Softly woody shrub or small tree with *sap*, not milky. Leaves *palmately five- to nine-lobed*, margins closely *serrated*. Flowers upper parts reddish, lower cream-coloured. Fruit three-lobed capsules with soft ‘spines’. The leaves are poisonous and the seed coat *highly toxic and lethal*; the seed oil used medicinally.

A shrub in the 1–3-m height class. Cultivated in northern Namibia. Invasive in many riverbeds, and around water points and wet areas, such as springs and dams. Should be controlled.

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**Jatropha curcas | Physic Nut**

**EUPHORBIACEAE | Origin: Tropical America | [2 records from 1 square]**


Uncommon shrub of up to and over 3 m high in one locality along the Orange River (2719DC). Causes poisoning in children occasionally. Used in traditional medicine. Not considered a threat in Namibia.