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*Manihot*

*Euphorbiaceae*

*Manihot* is derived from a local Brazilian name for cassava or tapioca *manioc*.

There are bitter and sweet varieties of cassava. The bitter varieties contain a poisonous juice that is removed when these are processed.

Warning – animals, humans.

Cassava *Manihot esculenta*

Cassava is extremely poisonous if eaten raw. The poison is contained in the outer skin of the roots and can cause death.

The fresh leaves can also be poisonous and can harm grazing animals.