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The literature on *Hura crepitans* describes the sandbox as a large deciduous tree with a girth of 5 m (Quesnel and Farrell 2000). The writers measured various sandbox trees around the country with girth sizes significantly larger than the 5 m noted (See table).

Measurements of Sandbox trees, *Hura crepitans*, at various locations.

### *Hura crepitans*

Location	Date	Girth (metres)
Ste. Madeleine	February, 2005	6.15
Lizard Springs	April, 2003	8.05
Ridge above Salt River Mud Volcano	April, 2003	8.1
Bush Bush	February, 2007	8.23

The Bush Bush Forest sandbox was particularly impressive as it had the tallest supporting roots. Whereas for the other trees in the survey the circumference of the trunk above the roots was measured 2.43 m above the ground, the girth on the Bush Bush sandbox was 4.83 m above the ground. The rough circumference of the roots at 1.3 m above the ground was 10.17 m.

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