

Anglo/Brazilian
Northern Mato Grosso Expedition 1967/69

FLORA OF MATO GROSSO

No. R. 1285

Begthneria melastomaeifolia St. Hil.

2 km S of the Base Camp of the Expedition.
(Base Camp 12° 54' S - 51° 52' W, c. 270 km N of
Xavantina).

Vernacular name: Carapato do cerrado.

Herb/shrub, 1.5 m tall. Growing in cerrado
formation.

The common name obviously refers to the
resemblance of the fruit to that of the Castor Oil plant,
which is sometimes called Carapato (= tick) because

Date: 6.5.1968 its seeds resemble large ticks.

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