

FLORA OF BRAZIL

State of Mato Grosso

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Sterculia apetala (Jacq.) F. Kersten
var. apetala

Near the IBDF Base de Pesquisa da Fauna do Pantanal, c. 30 km from Porto Jofre (17°20'S 56°48'W) on the Transpantaneira.

Remains of semideciduous forest, now a pasture, on a 'cordilheira' (large area of slightly higher non-inundated ground) in the pantanal.

Tree, 13 m tall, 1 m diam. at breast height, splitting into 3 trunks above. Buttressed at base. Bark fawn-coloured, almost smooth. Ants' nests in pith of twigs.

Just opening new leaves after a leafless period and bearing both flowers and ripe fruits. Sepal cup pale yellow-cream, marked with a pattern of dark-red lines on the inside and with dark red stellate hairs on the outside.

Pericarp of ripe fruit greenish fawn to dirty pink.

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