

FLORA OF BRAZIL

State of Goiás

No. R. 7354

Ruellia (*Eurychanes*) *verbasciformis* Nees
~~*Angelonia*~~

c. 14km from Alto Paraíso de Goiás
(14°07'S 47°31'W) on the road to the
Chapada dos Veadeiros National Park.

In cerrado vegetation on a flattish rocky
area at the base of an escarpment.

Erect herb with unbranched shoots to
3m tall. Leaves in whorls of 3. Flowers
with strong scent characteristic of bat-
pollinated flowers (exactly like *Cobaea*
scandens). Corollas pale lemon. A
greasy/waxy, pleasantly scented deposit is
left on hands after touching the plant,
after a time this produces a strong
burning sensation - everybody who handled
the plant noticed this. There is a huge
population here but I have never seen this
conspicuous species elsewhere.

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