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FLORA OF BRAZIL
State of Mato Grosso do Sul

No. R7670

Machaerium hirtum (Vell.) Steff.

Approx. 20km from Bonito on the road to Bodoquena,
c. 20° 55'S 56° 35'W

Cerradão in low-lying area which will be very wet at the height of the rainy season.

Wide-crowned, rather flat-topped, much branched, deliquescent, bushy tree, 4m tall. Thickest trunk 10cm dbh. Bark smooth with horizontally elongated lenticels and short recurved spines. Corollas pale blue-lilac with a cream patch at the centre of the standard, keel cream. Very abundant in the area and all trees in copious flower, being visited by huge numbers of honey bees (*Apis*).

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