FLORA OF BRAZIL State of Tocantins

No. R7878

Mollia burchellii Sprague

18km from Porto Nacional on the road to Palmas, 10°31'S 48°22'W, alt. 390m.

In cerradão ciliar (gallery cerradão) along the bottom of a narrow valley which must be very damp during the rainy season.

Tree, 9m tall with two diverging trunks from ground level, thicker 27cm dbh. Bark fissuring to produce long files of small tile-like ± quadrangular scales and these detaching to expose large smooth areas. Very floriferous and covered in fruits. Petals white; anthers pale yellow. Rare.

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