

## Reproductive phenology of the cerrado plant community in Emas National Park (central Brazil)

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**Abstract.** The cerrado, a savanna-like formation, is the second-most widespread vegetation type in Brazil. Its core region occupies the Brazilian Central Plateau, with a seasonal climate, including wet summer and dry winter. We studied the reproductive phenological patterns of the cerrado plant community in Emas National Park (central Brazil). Monthly field trips revealed 601 species, classified, according to their dispersal syndromes, into anemo-, auto-, or zoochorous species, when they were dispersed by wind, explosion or gravity, or animals, respectively. We analysed the flowering and fruiting patterns of the community in relation to dispersal syndromes, comparing the herbaceous and the woody components. The herbaceous component was characterised by a majority of autochorous species, and the woody component, by a majority of zoochorous species. There was a striking seasonality in the community-wide pattern of flowering and fruiting, although this was different between the herbaceous and the woody components. Woody species flowered mainly during late dry and early wet seasons, whereas herbaceous species flowered especially during late wet season. In the dry season, when their diaspores can be dispersed more efficiently, the proportions of anemo- and autochorous fruiting species were higher. During the rainy season, when their fruits can be kept attractive for longer time, the number of fruiting zoochorous species reached its peak.

### Introduction

Savannas are tropical and subtropical formations where the grass layer is almost continuous, interrupted only by shrubs and trees in varying proportions, and where the main growth patterns are closely associated with alternating wet and dry seasons (Bourlière and Hadley 1983). In tropical savannas, the temporal patterns in growth and reproduction are strongly linked to the climatic seasonality (Williams *et al.* 1997).

The Cerrado Domain occupied formerly 2 million km<sup>2</sup> of the Brazilian territory (Ratter *et al.* 1997), especially in the Central Plateau. As its name implies, in the Cerrado Domain, the cerrado vegetation prevails. The cerrado vegetation is not uniform in physiognomy (Coutinho 1990), ranging from grassland to tall woodland; however, most of its physiognomies are within the range defined as tropical savanna (Bourlière and Hadley 1983).

The cerrado species, like those of other savannas, present periodic variations in flower and fruit production that may represent adaptations to biotic and abiotic factors (Schaik *et al.* 1993). Rizzini (1963) proposed that the herbaceous and the woody components of the cerrado flora are floristically distinct and antagonistic. Scholes and Archer (1997)

postulated that the climatic seasonal pattern of tropical savannas, with alternating warm dry seasons and hot wet seasons, provides a potential axis of niche separation by phenology for the herbaceous and woody components.

Phenology is a major component of plant fitness (O'Neill 1997) and knowledge of plant phenology is fundamental to understand the community dynamics, since the timing, duration and degree of synchrony of the various phenological phases have major implications for plant community structure, function, regeneration and the quantity and quality of resources available for consumer organisms (Williams *et al.* 1999).

Phenological data for the cerrado vegetation are fragmentary, with studies normally involving isolated species or small group of species, and different methods and approaches (Oliveira 1998). The relationship between the phenological patterns of cerrado plant species and the climatic seasonality had already been discussed by Warming (1892), in his pioneer work on the cerrado vegetation. Since this study, many papers discussed some aspects of the phenology of cerrado species (e.g. Gottsberger and Silberbauer-Gottsberger 1983; Oliveira and Sazima 1990; Proença and Gibbs 1994; Miranda 1995—see Oliveira 1998

for other references), but few of them dealt with the community level (Mantovani and Martins 1988; Batalha *et al.* 1997; Batalha and Mantovani 2000; Oliveira and Gibbs 2000).

Until now, most community-wide studies in the cerrado were carried out at outlying sites, in the southern São Paulo State (Mantovani and Martins 1988; Batalha *et al.* 1997; Batalha and Mantovani 2000). In the cerrado core area, only Oliveira and Gibbs (2000) analysed the reproductive biology of 59 woody species at a 40-ha site. The aim of this study was to analyse the reproductive phenological patterns of the plant species at a core cerrado site on the community level. We discuss the phenological variations of both herbaceous and woody components, relating them to dispersal syndromes. We attempt to answer the following questions: (i) do the cerrado species flower uniformly throughout the year; (ii) are the mean flowering periods for the herbaceous and the woody species different; (iii) is the number of species in flower correlated with rainfall; (iv) are the proportions of anemo- and autochorous species higher in the herbaceous component; (v) is the proportion of zoochorous species higher in the woody component; and (vi) do the anemo-, auto- and zoochorous species fruit uniformly throughout the year?

## Material and methods

We carried out this work in Emas National Park (ENP), a reserve with about 133 000 ha, located in the Brazilian Central Plateau, in the cerrado core region, south-western Goiás State (17°49'–18°28'S and 52°39'–53°10'W). Regional climate is tropical and humid, with wet summer and dry winter, which is classified as Aw following Köppen (1931) or as ZBII following Walter (1971). Annual rainfall varies from 1200 to 2000 mm, concentrated from October to March, and mean annual temperature is about 24.6°C (Ramos-Neto and Pivello 2000).

The cerrado in ENP presents almost all physiognomies found in this vegetation type, from *campo limpo* (a grassland) to *cerrado sensu stricto* (a woodland). In the reserve, open cerrado physiognomies—*campo limpo*, *campo sujo* and *campo cerrado*—prevail, covering 68.1% of the total area (Ramos-Neto and Pivello 2000). The more closed *cerrado sensu stricto* covers 25.1% of the reserve. About every 3–4 years, uncontrollable wildfires occur in ENP due to dry biomass accumulation (Ramos-Neto and Pivello 2000).

We analysed the flowering and fruiting patterns of the cerrado species from data obtained in the floristic survey carried out monthly from November 1998 to October 1999 (Batalha and Martins 2002). We made a basic collection and registered monthly the reproductive phenological stage of each species along pre-established trails, with a 50–60-h monthly sampling effort (Batalha and Martins 2002). These trails included all cerrado physiognomies found in the reserve and, thus, provided us with a representative sample of the cerrado vegetation in ENP. The voucher material was lodged mainly at the São Paulo State Botanical Institute herbarium (SP), but also at the following herbaria: CESJ, FLOR, HRCB, HUEFS, IAC, SP, SPF, UB and UEC.

We observed whether the species at reproductive stage were flowering or fruiting. The observations were simply qualitative, i.e. in a given month, if we found at least one individual of a determined species producing flowers, we considered the species to be on its flowering period. We expressed the number of species in any month producing flowers or fruits as a percentage of the total number of species. We compared these data to climatic records collected from 1993 to 1998 at

the Benedictine Monks Monastery, in the nearby city of Mineiros (17°33'25"S, 52°33'05"W), with which we constructed a climatic diagram following Walter (1971).

We classified the species in families according to the system proposed by Judd *et al.* (1999) and in life forms in accordance with Raunkiaer's (1934) system adapted by Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg (1974). We considered the chamaephytes, epiphytes, geophytes, hemicryptophytes, lianas, therophytes and vascular parasites as belonging to the herbaceous component, and the phanerophytes, as belonging to the woody component. We classified all species, according to their dispersal syndromes (Pijl 1972), into anemo-, auto-, or zoochorous species, when they were dispersed by wind, explosion or gravity, or animals, respectively.

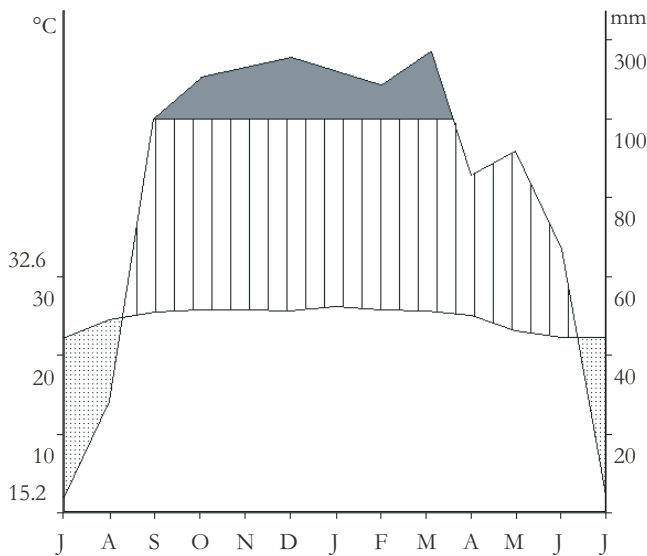
When our data were normally distributed according to the Kolmogorov–Smirnov test (Zar 1999), we applied parametric circular statistics to them. To test whether the cerrado species flower and fruit uniformly throughout the year, we applied Rayleigh test (Zar 1999): January corresponded to 0°, February to 30°, March to 60°, and so on. We also applied this test to verify whether the herbaceous and the woody species flower uniformly throughout the year. To test whether the mean flowering periods were different between the herbaceous and woody components, we used the Watson–Williams test (Zar 1999). We correlated monthly rainfall, obtained from climatic records collected at the Benedictine Monks Monastery, to the number of herbaceous and woody species in flower. To verify whether the proportions of anemo-, auto-, and zoochorous species were significantly different to an even distribution, we applied the chi-square test (Zar 1999). To test whether the anemo-, auto-, and zoochorous species fruit uniformly throughout the year, we again used Rayleigh test (Zar 1999). To test whether the mean fruiting periods for the anemo-, auto-, and zoochorous species were different, we applied the Watson–Williams test for three samples (Zar 1999).

## Results

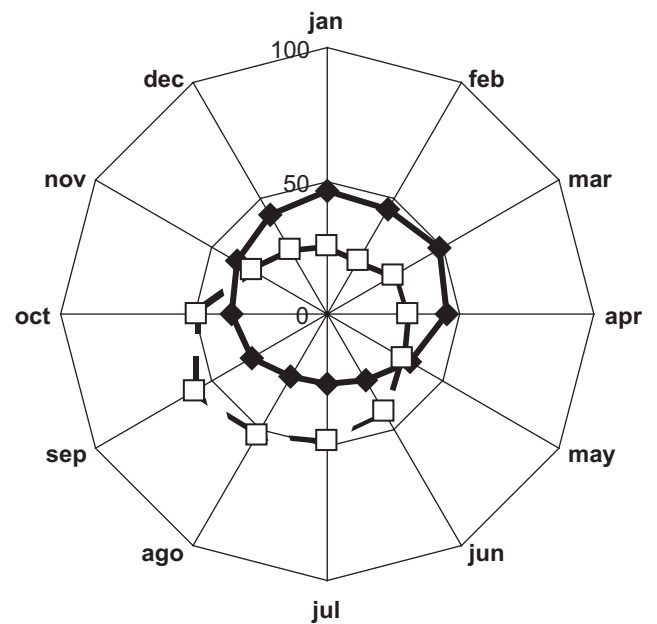
The climatic diagram (Fig. 1) showed that the dry period of the year goes from June to August, and the wet period from September to May. Annual rainfall and mean annual temperature were 1745 mm and 24.6°C, respectively. Of the 601 species collected (Appendix 1), 149 were phanerophytes and thus considered as belonging to the woody component. The remaining 452 species presented other life forms and were considered as belonging to the herbaceous component. A total of 8 (1.33%) of the 601 species were not found at reproductive stage, neither flowering nor fruiting.

The number of flowering species was not uniformly distributed throughout the year ( $z = 9.21$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ). The mean angle for the flowering species was 26°, which corresponds to the end of January (Fig. 2). The number of fruiting species was also not uniformly distributed throughout the year ( $z = 4.51$ ,  $P = 0.013$ ). The mean angle for the fruiting species was 77°, which corresponds to the middle of March (Fig. 2).

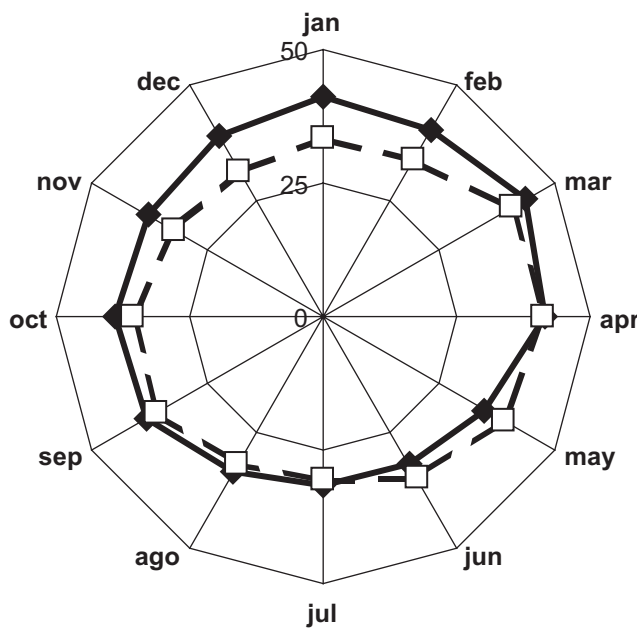
The herbaceous and woody species did not flower uniformly throughout the year ( $z = 39.80$  and  $z = 26.60$ , respectively;  $P < 0.001$  in both cases). The mean angle for the flowering herbaceous species was 37°, which corresponds to the beginning of February, whereas the mean angle for the flowering woody species was 229°, which corresponds to the end of August (Fig. 3). The mean angles



**Fig. 1.** Climatic diagram (Walter 1971), constructed from data obtained at the Benedictine Monks Monastery, Mineiros, Goiás State, central Brazil (17°33'25"S, 52°33'05"W, 800 m a.s.l.). Absolute minimum and maximum temperatures were not available in the original data. Mean annual temperature = 24.6°C, total annual precipitation = 1745 mm.



**Fig. 3.** Percentage of flowering herbaceous (◆) and woody (□) species throughout the year in Emas National Park, (17°49'–18°28'S, 52°39'–53°10'W), Goiás State, central Brazil.



**Fig. 2.** Percentage of flowering (◆) and fruiting (□) species throughout the year in Emas National Park, (17°49'–18°28'S, 52°39'–53°10'W), Goiás State, central Brazil.

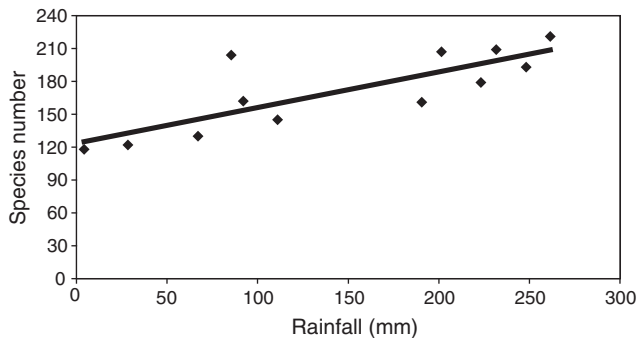
for the flowering periods of the herbaceous and woody components were significantly different ( $F = 678.49$ , d.f. = 2,719,  $P < 0.001$ ).

On the one hand, the number of flowering herbaceous species was positively correlated with rainfall ( $r^2 = 0.65$ ,

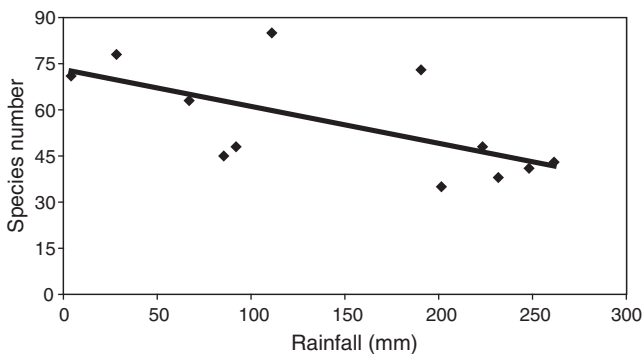
$t = 4.35$ ,  $P = 0.001$ ) (Fig. 4); on the other hand, the number of flowering woody species was negatively correlated with rainfall ( $r^2 = 0.39$ ,  $t = -2.54$ ,  $P = 0.029$ ) (Fig. 5). In the herbaceous component, the late rainy season was the peak period in flowering, whereas in the woody component, the late dry to early rainy season was the peak period.

Regarding their diaspore syndrome, 183 species (30.45%) were anemochorous, 228 (37.94%) autochorous and 182 (31.61%) zoochorous (Fig. 6). These proportions were not significantly different from an even distribution according to the chi-square test ( $\chi^2 = 5.85$ ,  $P = 0.054$ ). In the herbaceous component, however, the distribution of diaspore dispersal syndromes was significantly different from an even distribution ( $\chi^2 = 46.01$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ), with an excess of autochorous species. In the woody component, the distribution of diaspore syndromes was also uneven ( $\chi^2 = 65.65$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ), but with a higher proportion of zoochorous species.

The proportions of anemo-, auto-, and zoochorous fruiting species (Fig. 7) were not uniformly distributed throughout the year ( $z = 23.54$ ,  $z = 12.57$  and  $z = 10.20$ , respectively;  $P < 0.001$  in all three cases). The mean angle for the anemochorous fruiting species was 166°, which corresponds to the middle of June; the mean angle for the autochorous fruiting species was 79°, which corresponds to the middle of March; and the mean angle for the zoochorous fruiting species was 292°, which corresponds to the end of October. The anemochorous species fruited especially from April to September, the autochorous species from January to



**Fig. 4.** Correlation between rainfall and the number of flowering herbaceous species in Emas National Park, (17°49'–18°28'S, 52°39'–53°10'W), Goiás State, central Brazil.



**Fig. 5.** Correlation between rainfall and the number of flowering woody species in Emas National Park, (17°49'–18°28'S, 52°39'–53°10'W), Goiás State, central Brazil.

May and the zoochorous species from September to December (Fig. 7).

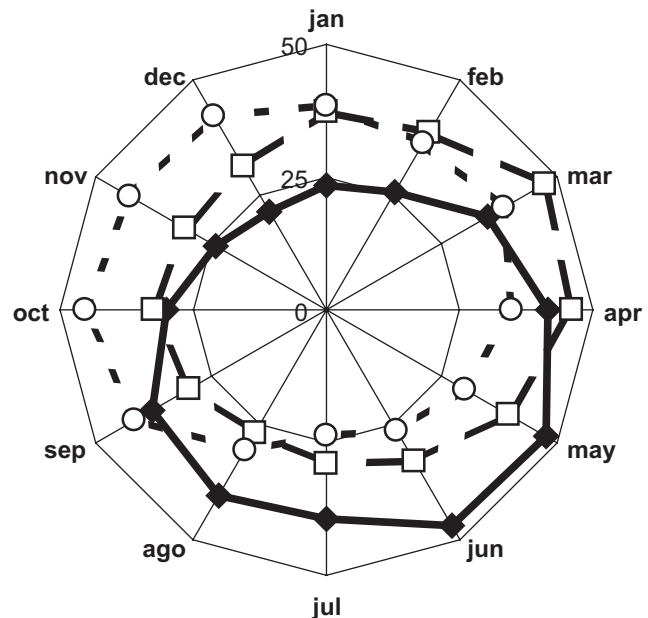
The mean fruiting periods for the anemo-, auto-, and zoochorous species were significantly different ( $F = 315.43$ , d.f. = 2,531,  $P < 0.001$ ). In the dry season, the proportions of anemo- and autochorous species producing fruits were higher than those of zoochorous ones. In the rainy season, on the other hand, the proportion of fruiting zoochorous species was higher than those of anemo and autochorous species.

## Discussion

In the cerrado plant community of ENP, flowering and fruiting were not uniformly distributed throughout the year, reflecting the seasonality of the cerrado climate (Sarmiento and Monasterio 1983). As expected from other studies carried out at outlying cerrado sites (Mantovani and Martins 1988; Batalha *et al.* 1997; Batalha and Mantovani 2000), the flowering patterns of the two components of the cerrado flora were very different. The flowering pattern of the herbaceous species, with a higher number of flowering species late in the rainy season, is also found in other tropical savannas (Sarmiento and Monasterio 1983). The vegetative phase in grasses allows accumulation of carbohydrates, which are



**Fig. 6.** Percentual distribution of dispersion syndrome classes in the cerrado flora of Emas National Park, (17°49'–18°28'S, 52°39'–53°10'W), Goiás State, central Brazil. Anemochorous (white bars), autochorous (grey bars), zoochorous (black bars).



**Fig. 7.** Percentage of anemo- (◆), auto- (□) and zoochorous (○) fruiting species, according to their dispersion syndrome, throughout the year in the cerrado of Emas National Park, (17°49'–18°28'S, 52°39'–53°10'W), Goiás State, central Brazil.

later used in flowering and fruiting (Figueiredo and Dietrich 1981). Accumulation of carbohydrates in herbaceous species before flowering was also observed by Isejima and Figueiredo-Ribeiro (1993) and Vieira and Figueiredo-Ribeiro (1993).

Changes in the concentration of carbohydrates, especially fructans, throughout the year in cerrado herbaceous plants are part of the mechanism for resistance to drought-induced stress (Isejima and Figueiredo-Ribeiro 1993; Vieira and Figueiredo-Ribeiro 1993). Sarmiento and Monasterio (1983) postulated that this strategy would guarantee the reproduction in the safest period in respect of water

availability. During the period of water shortage, the aerial biomass rapidly decays, and then, as the rainy season progresses, the plants gradually develop their shoots and reproductive structures, reaching the maximum growth rates during the reproductive phenophases that occur in the period with higher water availability. The importance of water availability for herbs and subshrubs was shown by the positive correlation between the number of flowering herbaceous species and rainfall.

The woody species presented a flowering pattern different from that of the herbaceous species. The flowering period of the woody species was concentrated in late dry and early wet seasons. At outlying cerrado sites, in the southern São Paulo State, Mantovani and Martins (1988), Batalha *et al.* (1997) and Batalha and Mantovani (2000) found a higher proportion of woody species flowering at the beginning of the rainy season. In the Federal District, located in the core cerrado area, at a lower latitude than ENP, Aoki and Santos (1980) found most woody species flowering in the dry period of the year, but Oliveira and Gibbs (2000) found peaks for flowering activity associated with the beginning of the rainy season. In Pará State, close to Equator, most woody species flowered in the dry period of the year (Miranda 1995). In ENP, therefore, we found an intermediate pattern between the southern outlying sites (Mantovani and Martins 1988; Batalha *et al.* 1997; Batalha and Mantovani 2000) and the northern sites (Aoki and Santos 1980, Miranda 1995). Differences in flowering pattern of the woody species could be related to smaller variation of solar radiation throughout the year at northern sites (Schaik *et al.* 1993).

Pioneering experiments carried out by Rawitscher (1942) and Ferri (1944) at an outlying cerrado site showed that trees and shrubs have a deep root system and, thus, water access during the whole year. Jackson *et al.* (1999), studying soil water partitioning among woody species, suggested that there might be a strong selective pressure for plants to develop a deep root system. Sarmiento and Monasterio (1983) suggested that if savanna trees and shrubs have water access during the whole year because of their deep root systems, they would be at advantage in reproducing during the period of water shortage and leaving to the rainy season the function of storing reserves to support activities in the dry season. The negative correlation between the number of woody species in flower and rainfall highlighted the access of trees and shrubs to water deeper in the soil profile.

Most cerrado woody species are pollinated by bees (Oliveira and Gibbs 2000). Pollinating-bee activity may be increased at the end of the dry season because of leaf fall, which would make the flowers more conspicuous, and lack of heavy rains that would damage the flowers (Janzen 1975). Large bees are some of the most characteristic pollinators in tropical communities, visiting especially well exposed emergent trees in forests (Frankie *et al.* 1983). In cerrado communities during the dry period of the year, plants would

be exposed to similar conditions of radiation, humidity and wind.

Proença and Gibbs (1994) found that flowering concentrated in the transition between dry and rainy seasons for six of the eight myrtaceous species they investigated. Flowering at this transitional time is a favoured strategy, because the most marked fluctuations in humidity occur at this time of the year, and thus there is greater scope for humidity-linked synchronisation (Proença and Gibbs 1994). This pattern was also found in Australian savannas by Williams *et al.* (1999), where the majority of woody species were flowering or fruiting at the transition between dry and wet seasons, referred by these authors as the 'build-up' period.

There was a clear distinction between herbaceous and woody species, regarding flowering time. Scholes and Archer (1997) stated that the coexistence of herbaceous and woody species in the savannas is a result of the interaction of several stresses and disturbances, acting differentially on each component and patchily in time and space. Niches of herbaceous and woody species differ in both rooting depth and phenology, but there is more opportunity for phenological separation (Scholes and Archer 1997). Batalha and Mantovani (2000), at an outlying cerrado site, found striking differences between the patterns of the two components of the cerrado flora. We also found such differences in ENP, corroborating the postulate of niche separation by phenology between herbaceous and woody species.

The higher proportion of autochorous species, which we found in the herbaceous component of the cerrado flora in ENP, was mainly responsible for the significance of the chi-square value. In the woody component, on the other hand, the zoochorous species predominated. At other sites (Gottsberger and Silberbauer-Gottsberger 1983; Mantovani and Martins 1988; Batalha *et al.* 1997; Batalha and Mantovani 2000), a similar distribution was also found, but with a higher proportion of anemochorous species in the herbaceous component.

During the driest months, the proportions of anemo- and autochorous fruiting species were higher than those of zoochorous ones, a pattern also found by Gottsberger and Silberbauer-Gottsberger (1983), Mantovani and Martins (1988), Miranda (1995), Batalha *et al.* (1997) and Batalha and Mantovani (2000). The anemo- and autochorous fruits are generally dry and thus their pericarp dehydrates during the drought, releasing their seeds. Augspurger and Franson (1987) observed that, in areas under seasonal climate, anemochorous diaspore dispersal is more efficient in the dry season. Leaf fall, observed mainly in the anemochorous species, also facilitates diaspore dispersal (Mantovani and Martins 1988).

Zoochorous species, on the contrary, fruited especially at the wettest period of the year, when their fleshy fruits can be

kept attractive for a longer time, as observed by Gottsberger and Silberbauer-Gottsberger (1983), Bianco and Pitelli (1986), Mantovani and Martins (1988), Miranda (1995), Batalha *et al.* (1997) and Batalha and Mantovani (2000). The seasonal presence or activity of animal dispersers could select for temporally clumped fruiting (Schaik *et al.* 1993). For instance, at a southern cerrado site, the number of frugivorous birds increased during the wet season, from September to May, because of the arrival of migratory birds (Francisco and Galetti 2002). The timing of the arrival of migratory birds may have selected for the timing of fruiting of bird-dispersed plants (Schaik *et al.* 1993).

Previous studies of other seasonal vegetation types in which the phenology of woody species was followed (Frankie *et al.* 1974; Morellato *et al.* 1989) showed similar patterns, i.e. flowering after first rainfalls, fruiting of anemophilous and autochorous species peaking in dry season, and fruiting of zoochorous species peaking in rainy season. In Costa Rica, however, Frankie *et al.* (1974) found a higher number of species in flower in the dry season. The same pattern was found at cerrado sites located at lower latitudes (Aoki and Santos 1980; Miranda 1995).

When compared with other cerrado sites where reproductive phenological patterns of the plant community were studied, the patterns in ENP were generally very similar, with the exception of the flowering of the woody species. Nevertheless, even if these patterns seem to be consistent, quantitative and manipulative experiments are still lacking. With this approach, we could obtain insights into the adaptive role of the phenology of the cerrado plant community. Since, in ENP, fire plays an important role in the community dynamics (Ramos-Neto and Pivello 2000), burnt and unburnt areas could be compared to test the influence of fire in flowering and fruiting on community level. Furthermore, observations longer than one year should be carried out to detect supra-annual patterns that may occasionally happen in the reproductive events of the cerrado plant species.

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**Appendix 1. Species surveyed in the cerrado of Emas National Park, (17°49'–18°28'S, 52°39'–53°10'W), Goiás State, central Brazil, and habit assignation**

Family/species	Habit	Family/species	Habit
Acanthaceae		<i>A. leucocalyx</i> (Mart.) Kuntze	Herbaceous
<i>Hygrophila brasiliensis</i> (Spreng.) Lindau	Herbaceous	<i>Attalea geraensis</i> Barb. Rodr.	Herbaceous
<i>Ruellia geminiflora</i> Kunth	Herbaceous	<i>Syagrus flexuosa</i> (Mart.) Becc.	Herbaceous
<i>R. incompta</i> (Nees) Lindau	Herbaceous	Aristolochiaceae	
Alstroemeriaceae		<i>Aristolochia gibertii</i> Hook.	Herbaceous
<i>Alstroemeria gardneri</i> Bak.	Herbaceous	<i>A. gracilis</i> Duch.	Herbaceous
Amaranthaceae		Asteraceae	
<i>Froelichia procera</i> (Seub.) Pedersen	Herbaceous	<i>Acanthospermum australe</i> (Loefl.) Kuntze	Herbaceous
<i>Gomphrena arborescens</i> L.f.	Herbaceous	<i>Achyrocline satureoides</i> (Lam.) A.DC.	Herbaceous
<i>G. macrocephala</i> A. St-Hil.	Herbaceous	<i>Apopyros warmingii</i> (Baker) Nesom	Herbaceous
<i>G. pohlii</i> Moq.	Herbaceous	<i>Aspilia foliacea</i> (Spreng.) Baker	Herbaceous
<i>Pfaffia helychrysoides</i> (Moq.) Kuntze	Herbaceous	<i>A. laevissima</i> Baker	Herbaceous
<i>P. jubata</i> Mart.	Herbaceous	<i>A. leucoglossa</i> Malme	Herbaceous
Anacardiaceae		<i>A. platyphylla</i> (Baker) Blake	Herbaceous
<i>Anacardium humile</i> A.St-Hil.	Herbaceous	<i>Ayapana amygdalina</i> (Lam.) King & H.Rob.	Herbaceous
<i>Tapirira guianensis</i> Aubl.	Woody	<i>Baccharis camporum</i> A.DC.	Herbaceous
Annonaceae		<i>B. humilis</i> Sch. Bip.	Herbaceous
<i>Annona coriacea</i> Mart.	Woody	<i>Bidens gardneri</i> Gardner	Herbaceous
<i>A. crassiflora</i> Mart.	Woody	<i>Calea clauseniana</i> Baker	Herbaceous
<i>A. monticola</i> Mart.	Herbaceous	<i>C. cuneifolia</i> A.DC.	Herbaceous
<i>A. tomentosa</i> R.E.Fries	Herbaceous	<i>C. hymenolepis</i> Baker	Herbaceous
<i>A. warmingiana</i> Mello-Silva & Pirani	Herbaceous	<i>C. platylepis</i> Sch. Bip. ex Baker	Herbaceous
<i>Annona</i> sp. nov.	Woody	<i>Campuloclinium chlorolepis</i> Baker	Herbaceous
<i>Bocageopsis mattogrossensis</i> (R.E.Fries) R.E.Fries	Woody	<i>C. megacephalum</i> (Mart.) King & H.Rob.	Herbaceous
<i>Duguetia furfuracea</i> (A.St-Hil.) Benth. & Hook.f.	Woody	<i>Chaptalia integerrima</i> (Vell.) Burk	Herbaceous
<i>D. glabruscula</i> (R.E.Fries) R.E.Fries	Herbaceous	<i>Chromolaena chaeseae</i> H.Rob.	Herbaceous
<i>Xylopia aromatica</i> (Lam.) Mart.	Woody	<i>C. leucocephala</i> Gardner	Herbaceous
Apiaceae		<i>C. squalida</i> (A.DC.) King & H.Rob.	Herbaceous
<i>Didymopanax malmei</i> Harms	Woody	<i>C. stachyophylla</i> (Spr.) King & H.Rob.	Herbaceous
<i>D. vinosum</i> March.	Woody	<i>Conyza bonariensis</i> (L.) Cronq.	Herbaceous
<i>Eryngium ciliatum</i> Cham. & Schtdl.	Herbaceous	<i>Dasyphyllum sprengelianum</i> (Gardner) Cabrera	Herbaceous
<i>E. junceum</i> Cham. & Schtdl.	Herbaceous	<i>Dimmerostema asperatum</i> Blake	Herbaceous
Apocynaceae		<i>D. brasilianum</i> Cass.	Herbaceous
<i>Asclepias mellodora</i> A.St-Hil.	Herbaceous	<i>D. retifolium</i> (Sch. Bip.) Blake	Herbaceous
<i>Aspidosperma macrocarpon</i> Mart.	Woody	<i>Dimmerostema</i> sp. nov.	Herbaceous
<i>A. nobile</i> Müll. Arg.	Woody	<i>Elephantopus biflorus</i> Less.	Herbaceous
<i>A. tomentosum</i> Mart.	Woody	<i>E. mollis</i> L.	Herbaceous
<i>Barjonia cymosa</i> Fourn.	Herbaceous	<i>E. racemosus</i> Gardner	Herbaceous
<i>B. erecta</i> (Vell.) K.Schum.	Herbaceous	<i>Emilia coccinea</i> (Sims.) Sweet	Herbaceous
<i>Blepharodon bicuspidatum</i> Fourn.	Herbaceous	<i>Erechtites hieracifolia</i> (L.) Raf.	Herbaceous
<i>Gyrostelma</i> sp. nov.	Herbaceous	<i>Eremanthus erythropappus</i> Sch. Bip.	Woody
<i>Hancornia speciosa</i> Gomez	Woody	<i>E. glomerulatus</i> Less.	Woody
<i>Hemipogon acerosus</i> Decne.	Herbaceous	<i>E. sphaerocephalus</i> Baker	Herbaceous
<i>Himatanthus obovatus</i> (Müll. Arg.) Woods.	Woody	<i>Eupatorium betonicaeforme</i> Baker	Herbaceous
<i>Macrosiphonia longiflora</i> Müll. Arg.	Herbaceous	<i>E. campestre</i> A.DC.	Herbaceous
<i>M. velame</i> (A.St-Hil.) K.Schum.	Herbaceous	<i>E. lanigerum</i> Hook & Arn.	Herbaceous
<i>Mandevilla coccinea</i> (Hook & Arn.) Woods.	Herbaceous	<i>E. myriocephalum</i> Gardner	Herbaceous
<i>M. pohliana</i> (Standelm.) A.Gentry	Herbaceous	<i>E. purpurascens</i> Sch. Bip.	Herbaceous
<i>Odontadenia lutea</i> (Vell.) Markgr.	Herbaceous	<i>E. urticifolium</i> L.f.	Herbaceous
<i>Oxypetalum aequaliflorum</i> Fourn.	Herbaceous	<i>Eupatorium</i> sp.	Herbaceous
<i>Rauwolfia weddelliana</i> Müll. Arg.	Herbaceous	<i>Gochnatia barrosoae</i> Cabrera	Herbaceous
<i>Rhodocalyx rotundifolius</i> Müll. Arg.	Herbaceous	<i>G. pulchra</i> Cabrera	Herbaceous
Araceae		<i>Hoehnephyton trixoides</i> (Gardner) Cabrera	Herbaceous
<i>Scaphispatha gracilis</i> Brongn. ex Schott	Herbaceous	<i>Ichthyothere</i> sp. 1	Herbaceous
Arecaceae		<i>Ichthyothere</i> sp. 2	Herbaceous
<i>Acrocomia aculeata</i> (Jacq.) Lodd. ex Mart.	Woody	<i>Ichthyothere</i> sp. 3	Herbaceous
<i>A. hassleri</i> (Barb. Rodr.) Hahn	Herbaceous	<i>Isostigma megapotamicum</i> Scherff	Herbaceous
<i>Allagoptera campestris</i> (Mart.) Kuntze	Herbaceous	<i>Isostigma</i> sp.	Herbaceous



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Family/species	Habit	Family/species	Habit
<i>Mikania cordifolia</i> (L.) Willd.	Herbaceous	<i>Billbergia magnifica</i> Mez	Herbaceous
<i>Orthopappus angustifolius</i> (Sw.) Gleason	Herbaceous	<i>Bromelia balansae</i> Mez	Herbaceous
<i>Piptocarpha rotundifolia</i> (Less.) Baker	Woody	<i>Dickia tuberosa</i> (Vell.) Beer	Herbaceous
<i>Porophyllum angustissimum</i> Gardner	Herbaceous	Burseraceae	
<i>Pseudobrickellia pinifolia</i> (Spr.) King & H.Rob.	Herbaceous	<i>Protium ovatum</i> Engl.	Woody
<i>Pterocaulon virgatum</i> (L.) A.DC.	Herbaceous	Cactaceae	
<i>Riencourtia oblongifolia</i> Gardner	Herbaceous	<i>Epyphyllum phyllanthus</i> (L.) Haw.	Herbaceous
<i>R. tenuifolia</i> Gardner	Herbaceous	Caryocaraceae	
<i>Spilanthes nervosa</i> Chod.	Herbaceous	<i>Caryocar brasiliense</i> Cambess.	Woody
<i>Stilpnopappus glomerulatus</i> Gardner	Herbaceous	Caryophyllaceae	
<i>S. speciosus</i> Baker	Herbaceous	<i>Polycarpea corymbosa</i> (L.) Lam.	Herbaceous
<i>Stomatanthus dictyophyllum</i> (A.DC.) King & H.Rob.	Herbaceous	Celastraceae	
<i>Vernonia argentea</i> Less.	Herbaceous	<i>Plenckia populnea</i> Reissek	Woody
<i>V. bardanoides</i> Less.	Herbaceous	<i>Tontelea micrantha</i> (Mart.) A.C.Sm.	Woody
<i>V. brevipetiolata</i> Sch. Bip.	Herbaceous	Chrysobalanaceae	
<i>V. buddleiifolia</i> Sch. Bip. ex Baker	Herbaceous	<i>Couepia grandiflora</i> (Mart. & Zucc.) Benth. ex Hook.f.	Woody
<i>V. compactiflora</i> Mart. ex Baker	Herbaceous	<i>Licania humilis</i> Cham. & Schltld.	Woody
<i>V. desertorum</i> Mart. ex A.DC.	Herbaceous	<i>Parinari excelsa</i> Sabine	Herbaceous
<i>V. erythrophylla</i> Mart.	Herbaceous	Clusiaceae	
<i>V. ferruginea</i> Less.	Herbaceous	<i>Kielmeyera abdita</i> Saddi	Herbaceous
<i>V. grandiflora</i> Less.	Herbaceous	<i>K. coriacea</i> Mart.	Woody
<i>V. herbacea</i> (Vell.) Rusby	Herbaceous	<i>K. grandiflora</i> (Wawra) Saddi	Woody
<i>V. ignobilis</i> Less.	Herbaceous	<i>K. rubriflora</i> Cambess.	Woody
<i>V. polyanthes</i> (Spreng.) Less.	Herbaceous	<i>K. trichophora</i> Mart.	Herbaceous
<i>V. psilophylla</i> A.DC.	Herbaceous	<i>K. variabilis</i> Mart.	Herbaceous
<i>V. rubricaulis</i> Humb. & Bonpl.	Herbaceous	Cochlospermaceae	
<i>V. rubriramea</i> Mart.	Herbaceous	<i>Cochlospermum regium</i> (Mart.) Pilg.	Herbaceous
<i>V. simplex</i> Less.	Herbaceous	Combretaceae	
<i>V. tomentella</i> Mart. ex A.DC.	Herbaceous	<i>Buchenavia tomentosa</i> Eichl.	Woody
<i>V. tragiaefolia</i> A.DC.	Herbaceous	<i>Combretum hilarianum</i> D.Dietr.	Herbaceous
<i>V. varroniifolia</i> A.DC.	Herbaceous	Commelinaceae	
<i>V. venosissima</i> Sch. Bip. ex Baker	Herbaceous	<i>Commelina obliqua</i> Vahl	Herbaceous
<i>V. virgulata</i> Mart.	Herbaceous	Connaraceae	
<i>Viguiera bakeriana</i> Blake	Herbaceous	<i>Connarus suberosus</i> Planch.	Woody
<i>Viguiera</i> sp. 1	Herbaceous	<i>Rourea induta</i> Planch.	Woody
<i>Viguiera</i> sp. 2	Herbaceous	Convolvulaceae	
<i>Wedelia macedoi</i> H.Rob.	Herbaceous	<i>Evolvulus cressoides</i> Mart.	Herbaceous
Balanophoraceae		<i>E. fuscus</i> Meisn.	Herbaceous
<i>Langsdorffia hypogea</i> Mart.	Herbaceous	<i>E. macrolepharis</i> Mart.	Herbaceous
Bignoniaceae		<i>Ipomoea argentea</i> Meisn.	Herbaceous
<i>Anemopaegma arvense</i> (Vell.) Stellfeld ex de Souza	Herbaceous	<i>I. campestris</i> Meisn.	Herbaceous
<i>A. glaucum</i> Mart. ex A.DC.	Herbaceous	<i>I. procumbens</i> Mart. ex Choisy	Herbaceous
<i>A. scabriusculum</i> Mart. ex A.DC.	Herbaceous	<i>I. procurrens</i> Meisn.	Herbaceous
<i>Arrabidaea brachypoda</i> (A.DC.) Bur.	Herbaceous	<i>Ipomoea</i> sp. nov.	Herbaceous
<i>A. pulchra</i> (Cham.) Sandw.	Herbaceous	<i>I. virgata</i> Meisn.	Herbaceous
<i>Cybistax antisiphilitica</i> Mart.	Woody	<i>Jacquemontia guaranitica</i> Hassl.	Herbaceous
<i>Jacaranda caroba</i> (Vell.) A.DC.	Herbaceous	<i>Jacquemontia sphaerocephala</i> Meisn.	Herbaceous
<i>J. decurrens</i> Cham.	Herbaceous	<i>Merremia contorquens</i> (Choisy) Hall.f.	Herbaceous
<i>J. rufa</i> Silva Manso	Herbaceous	<i>M. digitata</i> Meisn.	Herbaceous
<i>Memora pedunculata</i> (Vell.) Miers.	Herbaceous	<i>Turbina abutiloides</i> (Kunth) O'Donnel	Herbaceous
<i>Tabebuia aurea</i> (Silva Manso) S.Moore	Woody	Convolvulaceae sp. 1, gen. sp. nov.	Herbaceous
<i>T. ochracea</i> (Cham.) Standl.	Woody	Cucurbitaceae	
<i>Zeyheria montana</i> Mart.	Woody	<i>Cayaponia espelina</i> Cogn.	Herbaceous
Boraginaceae		<i>Ceratostyles hilariana</i> Cogn.	Herbaceous
<i>Cordia villicaulis</i> Fresen.	Herbaceous	<i>Melanocium campestre</i> Naud.	Herbaceous
Bromeliaceae		Cyperaceae	
<i>Aechmea bromeliifolia</i> (Rudge) Baker	Herbaceous	<i>Bulbostylis junciformis</i> (Kunth) C.B.Clarke	Herbaceous
<i>Ananas ananassoides</i> L.B.Sm.	Herbaceous		

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<i>B. paradoxa</i> (Spreng.) Lindm.	Herbaceous	<i>Camptosema ellipticum</i> (Desv.) Burkart	Herbaceous
<i>B. sphaerocephala</i> (Nees) C.B. Clarke	Herbaceous	<i>Centrosema venosum</i> Mart. ex Benth.	Herbaceous
<i>B. truncata</i> (Nees) M.T. Strong	Herbaceous	<i>Chamaecrista basifolia</i> (Vogel) Irwin & Barneby	Herbaceous
<i>Cyperus aggregatus</i> (Willd.) Endl.	Herbaceous	<i>C. campestris</i> Irwin & Barneby	Herbaceous
<i>C. meyenianus</i> Kunth	Herbaceous	<i>C. cotonifolia</i> (G. Don.) Killip.	Herbaceous
<i>Killingia odorata</i> Vahl.	Herbaceous	<i>C. desvauxii</i> (Collad.) Killip.	Herbaceous
<i>Rhynchosphora diamantina</i> (C.B. Clarke) Kukenth	Herbaceous	<i>C. filicifolia</i> (Benth.) Irwin & Barneby	Herbaceous
<i>R. emaciata</i> Boeckm.	Herbaceous	<i>C. flexuosa</i> (L.) Greene	Herbaceous
<i>R. exaltata</i> Kunth	Herbaceous	<i>C. lundii</i> (Benth.) Irwin & Barneby	Herbaceous
<i>R. rugosa</i> (Vahl.) Gale	Herbaceous	<i>C. nictitans</i> (L.) Moench.	Herbaceous
<i>Scleria scabra</i> Willd.	Herbaceous	<i>C. planaltoana</i> (Harms) Irwin & Barneby	Herbaceous
Dilleniaceae		<i>C. rotundifolia</i> (Pers.) Greene	Herbaceous
<i>Davilla elliptica</i> A. St-Hil.	Woody	<i>C. setosa</i> (Vogel) Irwin & Barneby	Herbaceous
<i>D. nitida</i> (Vahl.) Kubitzki	Herbaceous	<i>Clitoria densifolia</i> (Presl.) Benth.	Herbaceous
Dioscoreaceae		<i>Copaifera langsdorffii</i> Desf.	Woody
<i>Dioscorea amaranthoides</i> Presl.	Herbaceous	<i>Crotalaria maypurensis</i> Kunth	Herbaceous
<i>D. clausenii</i> Uline	Herbaceous	<i>C. nitens</i> Benth.	Herbaceous
Ebenaceae		<i>C. velutina</i> Benth.	Herbaceous
<i>Diospyros hispida</i> A. DC.	Woody	<i>Dalbergia cuiabensis</i> Benth.	Woody
Erythroxylaceae		<i>D. miscolobium</i> Benth.	Woody
<i>Erythroxylum campestre</i> A. St-Hil.	Woody	<i>Desmodium barbatum</i> (L.) Benth.	Herbaceous
<i>E. deciduum</i> A. St-Hil.	Woody	<i>D. incanum</i> (Sw.) A. DC.	Herbaceous
<i>E. suberosum</i> A. St-Hil.	Woody	<i>D. platycarpum</i> Benth.	Herbaceous
Euphorbiaceae		<i>Dimorphandra mollis</i> Benth.	Woody
<i>Chamaesyce caecorum</i> (Mart. ex Boiss.) Croizat	Herbaceous	<i>Dioclea bicolor</i> Benth.	Herbaceous
<i>Cnidosculus quercifolius</i> Pohl	Herbaceous	<i>Dyptichandra aurantiaca</i> Tul.	Woody
<i>Croton aberrans</i> Müll. Arg.	Herbaceous	<i>Eriosema crinitum</i> (Kunth) Gardner	Herbaceous
<i>C. antisiphiliticus</i> Mart.	Herbaceous	<i>E. cupreum</i> Harms.	Herbaceous
<i>C. cinctus</i> Müll. Arg.	Herbaceous	<i>E. glabrum</i> Mart. ex Benth.	Herbaceous
<i>C. glandulosus</i> Müll. Arg.	Herbaceous	<i>E. heterophyllum</i> Benth.	Herbaceous
<i>C. goyazensis</i> Müll. Arg.	Herbaceous	<i>E. longifolium</i> Benth.	Herbaceous
<i>C. lundianus</i> Müll. Arg.	Herbaceous	<i>E. rufum</i> Kunth	Herbaceous
<i>C. pohlianus</i> Müll. Arg.	Herbaceous	<i>Galactia decumbens</i> (Benth.) Chodat & Hassl.	Herbaceous
<i>C. sclerocalyx</i> Müll. Arg.	Herbaceous	<i>G. dimorpha</i> Burk.	Herbaceous
<i>Croton</i> sp.	Herbaceous	<i>G. martii</i> A. DC.	Herbaceous
<i>Dalechampia humilis</i> Müll. Arg.	Herbaceous	<i>Harpalyce brasiliana</i> Benth.	Woody
<i>D. linearis</i> Baill.	Herbaceous	<i>Hymenaea stigonocarpa</i> Mart.	Woody
<i>Julocroton humilis</i> Didr.	Herbaceous	<i>Indigofera gracilis</i> Bong.	Herbaceous
<i>Manihot caerulescens</i> Pohl	Herbaceous	<i>Lupinus subsessilis</i> Benth.	Herbaceous
<i>M. tripartita</i> (Spreng.) Müll. Arg.	Herbaceous	<i>Machaerium acutifolium</i> Vogel	Woody
<i>Maprounea guianensis</i> Aubl.	Woody	<i>Mimosa amnis-atri</i> Barneby	Woody
<i>Phyllanthus orbiculatus</i> Müll. Arg.	Herbaceous	<i>M. distans</i> Benth.	Herbaceous
<i>Sapium glandulatum</i> (Vell.) Pax	Herbaceous	<i>M. foliolosa</i> Benth.	Woody
<i>Sebastiania bidentata</i> (Mart.) Pax	Herbaceous	<i>M. gemmulata</i> Barneby	Woody
Fabaceae		<i>M. gracilis</i> Benth.	Herbaceous
<i>Acosmium subelegans</i> (Mohl.) Yakovlev	Woody	<i>M. hebecarpa</i> Benth.	Woody
<i>Aeschynomene marginata</i> Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>M. nuda</i> Humb. & Bonpl.	Herbaceous
<i>A. oroboides</i> Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>M. polycephala</i> Benth.	Herbaceous
<i>Anadenanthera falcata</i> (Benth.) Speg.	Woody	<i>M. radula</i> Benth.	Herbaceous
<i>Andira cuiabensis</i> Benth.	Woody	<i>M. xanthocentra</i> Mart.	Herbaceous
<i>A. laurifolia</i> Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>Periandra mediterranea</i> (Vell.) Taub.	Herbaceous
<i>A. vermifuga</i> (Mart.) Benth.	Woody	<i>Phaseolus firmulus</i> Mart.	Herbaceous
<i>Arachis tuberosa</i> Bong. ex Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>Plathymenia reticulata</i> Benth.	Woody
<i>Bauhinia rufa</i> Steud.	Woody	<i>Poiretia angustifolia</i> Vogel	Herbaceous
<i>Bowdichia virgilioides</i> Kunth	Woody	<i>P. latifolia</i> Vogel	Herbaceous
<i>Calliandra dysantha</i> Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>P. longipes</i> Harms.	Herbaceous
<i>C. macrocalyx</i> Harms	Woody	<i>Pterodon pubescens</i> Benth.	Woody
<i>Calopogonium sericeum</i> (Benth.) Chodat ex Hassl.	Herbaceous	<i>Rhynchosia platyphylla</i> Benth.	Herbaceous

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Family/species	Habit	Family/species	Habit
<i>Senna rugosa</i> (G.Don.) Irwin & Barneby	Woody	Lauraceae	
<i>S. silvestris</i> (Vell.) Irwin & Barneby	Woody	<i>Aiouea trinervis</i> Meisn.	Woody
<i>S. velutina</i> (Vogel) Irwin & Barneby	Woody	<i>Cassytha filiformis</i> L.	Herbaceous
<i>Stryphnodendron adstringens</i> (Mart.) Coville	Woody	Lecythidaceae	
<i>S. obovatum</i> Benth.	Woody	<i>Eschweilera nana</i> (Berg.) Miers	Woody
<i>Stylosanthes bracteata</i> Vogel	Herbaceous	Loganiaceae	
<i>S. gracilis</i> Kunth	Herbaceous	<i>Strychnos pseudoquina</i> A.St-Hil.	Woody
<i>S. guianensis</i> Sw.	Herbaceous	Lythraceae	
<i>S. scabra</i> Vogel	Herbaceous	<i>Cuphea carthagenensis</i> (Jacq.) Macbr.	Herbaceous
<i>Tephrosia adunca</i> Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>C. linarioides</i> Koehne	Herbaceous
<i>Vatairea macrocarpa</i> (Benth.) Ducke	Woody	<i>Lafoensia pacari</i> A.St-Hil.	Woody
<i>Vigna linearis</i> Kunth	Herbaceous	Malpighiaceae	
<i>Zornia latifolia</i> Sm.	Herbaceous	<i>Banisteriopsis acerosa</i> (Nied.) B.Gates	Woody
<i>Z. reticulata</i> Sm.	Herbaceous	<i>B. amplexens</i> B.Gates	Herbaceous
<i>Z. virgata</i> Moric.	Herbaceous	<i>B. campestris</i> (A.Juss.) Little	Herbaceous
Fabaceae sp. 1	Woody	<i>B. gardneriana</i> (A.Juss.) W.Anderson & Sattl.	Herbaceous
Flacourtiaceae		<i>B. laevifolia</i> (A.Juss.) B.Gates	Herbaceous
<i>Casearia grandiflora</i> Cambess.	Woody	<i>B. schizoptera</i> (A.Juss.) B.Gates	Herbaceous
<i>C. sylvestris</i> Sw.	Woody	<i>B. stellaris</i> (Griseb.) B.Gates	Herbaceous
<i>Casearia</i> sp.	Herbaceous	<i>B. variabilis</i> B.Gates	Herbaceous
Gentianaceae		<i>Byrsonima basiloba</i> A.Juss.	Woody
<i>Deianira nervosa</i> Cham. & Schltdl.	Herbaceous	<i>B. coccolobifolia</i> A.Juss.	Woody
<i>Irlbachia alata</i> (Aubl.) Maas	Herbaceous	<i>B. crassa</i> Nied.	Woody
<i>Irlbachia speciosa</i> (Cham. & Schltdl.) Maas	Herbaceous	<i>B. gaultherioides</i> Griseb.	Herbaceous
Gesneriaceae		<i>B. guillemintiana</i> A.Juss.	Herbaceous
<i>Sinningia elatior</i> (Kunth) Chautems	Herbaceous	<i>B. intermedia</i> A.Juss.	Woody
Hypoxidaceae		<i>B. rigida</i> A.Juss.	Herbaceous
<i>Curculigo</i> sp.	Herbaceous	<i>B. verbascifolia</i> (Griseb.) B.Gates	Woody
Icacinaceae		<i>Camarea affinis</i> A.St-Hil.	Herbaceous
<i>Emmotum nitens</i> (Benth.) Miers.	Woody	<i>Heteropterys anoptera</i> A.Juss.	Herbaceous
Iridaceae		<i>H. byrsonimifolia</i> A.Juss.	Woody
<i>Sisyrinchium vaginatum</i> Spreng.	Herbaceous	<i>H. coriacea</i> A.Juss.	Herbaceous
<i>Trimezia juncifolia</i> (Kl.) Kunth	Herbaceous	<i>Peixotoa reticulata</i> Griseb.	Herbaceous
Lamiaceae		<i>Tetrapteris ambigua</i> (A.Juss.) Nied.	Herbaceous
<i>Eriope crassipes</i> Benth.	Herbaceous	Malvaceae	
<i>Hypenia macrantha</i> (A.St-Hil. ex Benth.) Harley	Herbaceous	<i>Byttneria oblongata</i> Pohl	Herbaceous
<i>Hyptidodendron canum</i> (Pohl ex Benth.) Harley	Woody	<i>Eriotheca gracilipes</i> (K.Schum.) A.Robyns	Woody
<i>Hyptis adpressa</i> A.St-Hil. ex Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>E. pubescens</i> (Mart. & Zucc.) A.Robyns	Woody
<i>H. caprariifolia</i> Pohl ex Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>Helicteres sacarolha</i> A.St-Hil.	Herbaceous
<i>H. caudata</i> Epling & Sativa	Herbaceous	<i>Krapovichasia macrodon</i> (A.DC.) Fryxell	Herbaceous
<i>H. crinita</i> Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>Melochia villosa</i> (Mill.) Fawc. & Rendle	Herbaceous
<i>H. desertorum</i> Pohl ex Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>Pavonia rosa-campestris</i> A.St-Hil.	Herbaceous
<i>H. eriophylla</i> Pohl	Herbaceous	<i>Peltaea edouardii</i> (Hochr.) Krapov. & Cristóbal	Herbaceous
<i>H. ferruginosa</i> Pohl ex Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>P. polymorpha</i> (A.St-Hil.) Krapov. & Cristóbal	Herbaceous
<i>H. interrupta</i> Pohl ex Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>Pseudobombax longiflorum</i> (Mart. & Zucc.) A.Robyns	Woody
<i>H. lythroides</i> Pohl ex Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>Sida cerradoensis</i> Krapov.	Herbaceous
<i>H. multiflora</i> Pohl ex Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>S. cordifolia</i> L.	Herbaceous
<i>H. recurvata</i> Poit.	Herbaceous	<i>S. linearifolia</i> A.St-Hil.	Herbaceous
<i>H. saxatilis</i> A.St-Hil. ex Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>S. rhombifolia</i> L.	Herbaceous
<i>H. villosa</i> Pohl ex Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>Waltheria douradinha</i> A.St-Hil.	Herbaceous
<i>H. virgata</i> Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>W. indica</i> L.	Herbaceous
<i>Hyptis</i> sp.	Herbaceous	Melastomataceae	
<i>Marsipianthes chamaedrys</i> (Vahl) Kuntze	Herbaceous	<i>Miconia albicans</i> Triana	Woody
<i>M. montana</i> Benth.	Herbaceous	<i>M. fallax</i> A.DC.	Woody
<i>Ocimum</i> sp.	Herbaceous	<i>M. ferruginata</i> A.DC.	Woody
<i>Peltodon pusillus</i> Pohl	Herbaceous	<i>M. ligustroides</i> (A.DC.) Naud.	Woody
<i>P. tomentosus</i> Pohl	Herbaceous		
<i>Salvia</i> sp.	Herbaceous		

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<i>M. rubiginosa</i> (Bonpl.) A.DC.	Woody	<i>N. theifera</i> Oerst.	Woody
<i>Mouriri elliptica</i> Mart.	Woody	Ochnaceae	
<i>Rhynchanthera ursina</i> Naud.	Herbaceous	<i>Ouratea acuminata</i> (A.DC.) Engl.	Woody
<i>Tibouchina gracilis</i> (Bonpl.) Cogn.	Herbaceous	<i>O. castanaefolia</i> (A.DC.) Engl.	Woody
<i>T. stenocarpa</i> (A.DC.) Cogn.	Woody	<i>O. floribunda</i> (A.St-Hil.) Engl.	Herbaceous
Menispermaceae		<i>O. nana</i> (A.St-Hil.) Engl.	Herbaceous
<i>Cissampelos ovalifolia</i> Ruiz & Pav.	Herbaceous	<i>O. spectabilis</i> (Mart.) Engl.	Woody
Moraceae		Orchidaceae	
<i>Brosimum gaudichaudii</i> Trècul	Woody	<i>Epistephium sclerophyllum</i> Lindl.	Herbaceous
Myristicaceae		<i>Galeandra montana</i> Barb. Rodr.	Herbaceous
<i>Virola sebifera</i> Aubl.	Woody	<i>Habenaria brevidens</i> Lindl.	Herbaceous
Myrsinaceae		<i>H. nasuta</i> Rchb.f. & Warm.	Herbaceous
<i>Myrsine leuconeura</i> Mart.	Woody	<i>H. obtusa</i> Lindl.	Herbaceous
Myrtaceae		Oxalidaceae	
<i>Campomanesia adamantium</i> (Cambess.) O.Berg	Woody	<i>Oxalis sellowii</i> Spreng.	Herbaceous
<i>C. pubescens</i> (A.DC.) O.Berg	Woody	Passifloraceae	
<i>Eugenia angustissima</i> O.Berg	Herbaceous	<i>Mitostemma brevifilis</i> Gontsch.	Herbaceous
<i>E. aurata</i> O.Berg	Woody	<i>Passiflora mansoi</i> (Mart.) Mast.	Herbaceous
<i>E. bimarginata</i> A.DC.	Woody	Poaceae	
<i>E. calycina</i> Cambess.	Herbaceous	<i>Actinocladum verticillatum</i> (Nees) McClure ex	Woody
<i>E. complicata</i> O.Berg	Herbaceous	Saderston	
<i>E. cristaensis</i> O.Berg	Herbaceous	<i>Andropogon bicornis</i> L.	Herbaceous
<i>E. piauhiensis</i> O.Berg	Woody	<i>A. fastigiatus</i> Sw.	Herbaceous
<i>E. piloesis</i> Cambess.	Woody	<i>A. leucostachys</i> Kunth	Herbaceous
<i>E. puniceifolia</i> (Kunth) A.DC.	Woody	<i>A. seloanus</i> (Hack.) Hack.	Herbaceous
<i>Eugenia</i> sp. 1	Herbaceous	<i>Anthaenantiopsis perforata</i> (Nees) Parodi	Herbaceous
<i>Eugenia</i> sp. 2	Woody	<i>Apoclada arenicola</i> McClure	Woody
<i>Eugenia</i> sp. 3	Herbaceous	<i>Aristida longifolia</i> Trin.	Herbaceous
<i>Eugenia</i> sp. 4	Herbaceous	<i>A. riparia</i> Trin.	Herbaceous
<i>Myrcia bella</i> Cambess.	Woody	<i>Axonopus aureus</i> P.Beauv.	Herbaceous
<i>M. bracteata</i> O.Berg	Woody	<i>A. barbigerus</i> (Kunth) Hitchc.	Herbaceous
<i>M. campuanensis</i> N.F.E. Silveira	Woody	<i>A. brasiliensis</i> (Spr.) Kuhlmann	Herbaceous
<i>M. crassifolia</i> (O.Berg) Kiaersk.	Woody	<i>A. derbyanus</i> Black	Herbaceous
<i>M. decrescens</i> O.Berg	Woody	<i>Brachiaria decumbens</i> Stapf.	Herbaceous
<i>M. fallax</i> (Rich.) A.DC.	Woody	<i>Ctenium chapadense</i> (Trin.) Doell.	Herbaceous
<i>M. guianensis</i> A.DC.	Woody	<i>Echinolaena inflexa</i> (Poir.) Chase	Herbaceous
<i>M. laruotteana</i> Cambess.	Woody	<i>Elionurus latiflorus</i> Nees	Herbaceous
<i>M. lasiopus</i> O.Berg	Herbaceous	<i>Eragrostis airoides</i> Nees	Herbaceous
<i>M. linguaeformis</i> Kiaersk.	Woody	<i>E. articulata</i> (Schrank) Nees	Herbaceous
<i>M. rhodosepala</i> Kiaersk.	Woody	<i>E. maypurensis</i> (Kunth) Steud.	Herbaceous
<i>M. torta</i> A.DC.	Herbaceous	<i>Gymnopogon foliosus</i> (Willd) Nees	Herbaceous
<i>M. uberavensis</i> O.Berg	Woody	<i>Hyparrhenia bracteata</i> (Humb. & Bonpl.) Stapf.	Herbaceous
<i>M. variabilis</i> Mart. ex A.DC.	Woody	<i>H. rufa</i> (Nees) Stapf.	Herbaceous
<i>Myrcia</i> sp. 1	Herbaceous	<i>Ichnanthus procurrens</i> (Nees) Sw.	Herbaceous
<i>Myrcia</i> sp. 2	Woody	<i>Leptocoryphium lanatum</i> (Kunth) Nees	Herbaceous
<i>Myrcia</i> sp. 3	Herbaceous	<i>Loudetiopsis chrysothryx</i> (Nees) Conert	Herbaceous
<i>Myrciaria delicatula</i> (A.DC.) O.Berg	Herbaceous	<i>Melinis minutiflora</i> P. Beauv.	Herbaceous
<i>Psidium australe</i> Cambess.	Herbaceous	<i>Olyra taquara</i> Sw.	Woody
<i>P. cinereum</i> Mart.	Herbaceous	<i>Panicum olyroides</i> Kunth	Herbaceous
<i>P. firmum</i> O.Berg	Herbaceous	<i>P. rudgei</i> Roem & Shult.	Herbaceous
<i>P. laruotteanum</i> Cambess.	Woody	<i>Panicum</i> sp.	Herbaceous
<i>P. multiflorum</i> Cambess.	Herbaceous	<i>Paspalum carinatum</i> Humb. & Bonpl. ex Fleug.	Herbaceous
<i>P. rufum</i> Mart. ex A.DC.	Woody	<i>P. convexum</i> Humb. & Bonpl. ex Fleug.	Herbaceous
Nyctaginaceae		<i>P. erianthum</i> Nees	Herbaceous
<i>Guapira campestris</i> (Netto) Lund.	Herbaceous	<i>P. gardnerianum</i> Nees	Herbaceous
<i>G. graciliflora</i> (Mart. ex J.A.Schmidt) Lund.	Woody	<i>P. geminiflorum</i> Steud.	Herbaceous
<i>G. noxia</i> (Netto) Lund.	Woody	<i>P. malacophyllum</i> Trin.	Herbaceous
<i>Neea macrophylla</i> Poep. & Endl.	Woody	<i>P. multicaule</i> Poir.	Herbaceous

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<i>P. pectinatum</i> Nees	Herbaceous	<i>Talisia angustifolia</i> Radlk.	Herbaceous
<i>Paspalum</i> sp. 1	Herbaceous	<i>Toulicia tomentosa</i> Radlk.	Herbaceous
<i>Paspalum</i> sp. 2	Herbaceous	Sapotaceae	
<i>Pennisetum setosum</i> (Sw.) L.C.Rich.	Herbaceous	<i>Pouteria ramiflora</i> (Mart.) Radlk.	Woody
<i>Rhynchetitrum repens</i> (Nees) C.E.Hubb.	Herbaceous	<i>P. subcaerulea</i> Pierre ex Dubard	Herbaceous
<i>Schyzacchirium condensatum</i> (Kunth) Nees	Herbaceous	<i>P. torta</i> (Mart.) Radlk.	Woody
<i>Setaria geniculata</i> (L.) P.Beauv.	Herbaceous	<i>Pradosia brevipes</i> (Pierre) Penn.	Herbaceous
<i>Sporobolus acuminatus</i> Boechat & Longhi-Wagner	Herbaceous	Scrophulariaceae	
<i>S. ciliatus</i> (Trin.) Hack.	Herbaceous	<i>Buchnera lavandulacea</i> Cham. & Schldtl.	Herbaceous
<i>S. indicus</i> (L.) R.Brown	Herbaceous	<i>Esterhazia petiolata</i> Barr.	Herbaceous
<i>Trachypogon spicatus</i> (L.f.) Kuntze	Herbaceous	<i>Scoparia dulcis</i> L.	Herbaceous
<i>Thrasya petrosa</i> Nees	Herbaceous	Simaroubaceae	
<i>Tristachya leiostachya</i> Nees	Herbaceous	<i>Simaba suffruticosa</i> Engl.	Herbaceous
Polygalaceae		<i>Simarouba amara</i> Aubl.	Woody
<i>Polygala angulata</i> A.DC.	Herbaceous	Smilacaceae	
<i>P. aphylla</i> A.W.Benn.	Herbaceous	<i>Smilax cissoides</i> Mart. ex Griseb.	Herbaceous
<i>P. opina</i> Wurdack	Herbaceous	Solanaceae	
<i>P. violacea</i> Aubl.	Herbaceous	<i>Solanum lycocarpum</i> A.St-Hil.	Woody
<i>Securidaca tomentosa</i> A.St-Hil.	Herbaceous	<i>S. subumbellatum</i> Vell.	Herbaceous
Polygonaceae		Styracaceae	
<i>Coccoloba densifrons</i> Mart.	Woody	<i>Styrax ferrugineus</i> Nees & Mart.	Woody
Polypodiaceae		Turneraceae	
<i>Adiantum serratodentatum</i> Humb. & Bonpl. ex Willd.	Herbaceous	<i>Piriqueta emasensis</i> Arbo, sp. nov.	Herbaceous
Proteaceae		<i>P. sidifolia</i> (Cambess.) Urban	Herbaceous
<i>Roupala montana</i> Aubl.	Woody	<i>Turnera purpurascens</i> Arbo	Herbaceous
Rhamnaceae		Verbenaceae	
<i>Crumenaria polygaloides</i> Reissek	Herbaceous	<i>Aegiphila lanata</i> Mould.	Herbaceous
Rubiaceae		<i>A. lhotzkiana</i> Cham.	Woody
<i>Alibertia sessilis</i> (Vell.) K.Schum.	Herbaceous	<i>Amasonia hirta</i> Benth.	Herbaceous
<i>Borreria suaveolens</i> Meyers	Herbaceous	<i>Casselia chamaedryfolia</i> Cham.	Herbaceous
<i>Chomelia ribesoides</i> Benth. ex A.Gray	Woody	<i>Lippia hirta</i> Schauer	Herbaceous
<i>Declieuxia fruticosa</i> (Willd.) Kuntze	Herbaceous	<i>L. hoehnei</i> Mould.	Herbaceous
<i>D. oenanthoides</i> Schult. & Schult.	Herbaceous	<i>L. lupulina</i> Cham.	Herbaceous
<i>D. verticillata</i> Müll. Arg.	Herbaceous	<i>L. martiana</i> Schauer	Herbaceous
<i>Diodia schumanii</i> Standl.	Herbaceous	<i>L. primulina</i> S. Moore	Herbaceous
<i>D. teres</i> Walt.	Herbaceous	<i>L. stachyoides</i> Cham.	Herbaceous
<i>Galianthe grandifolia</i> Cabral	Herbaceous	<i>L. turnerifolia</i> Cham.	Herbaceous
<i>Genipa americana</i> L.	Woody	<i>Stachytarpheta maximilliani</i> Schauer	Herbaceous
<i>Palicourea coriacea</i> (Cham.) K.Schum.	Herbaceous	<i>Stachytarpheta simplex</i> Hayek.	Herbaceous
<i>P. rigida</i> Kunth	Woody	Violaceae	
<i>Richardia humistrata</i> (Cham. & Schldtl.) Steud.	Herbaceous	<i>Hybanthus poaya</i> (A.St-Hil) Baill.	Herbaceous
<i>R. stelleris</i> (Cham. & Schldtl.) Steud.	Herbaceous	<i>Hybanthus</i> sp. nov.	Herbaceous
<i>Sipanea hispida</i> Benth.	Herbaceous	Vitaceae	
<i>Tocoyena formosa</i> (Cham. & Schldtl.) K.Schum.	Woody	<i>Cissus erosa</i> L.C.Rich	Herbaceous
Rutaceae		Vochysiaceae	
<i>Hortia brasiliana</i> Vand. ex A.DC.	Woody	<i>Qualea grandiflora</i> Mart.	Woody
<i>Spiranthera odoratissima</i> A.St-Hil.	Herbaceous	<i>Q. multiflora</i> Mart.	Woody
Sapindaceae		<i>Q. parviflora</i> Mart.	Woody
<i>Matayba guianensis</i> Aubl.	Woody	<i>Vochysia thyrsoidea</i> Pohl	Woody
<i>Serjania cissoides</i> Radlk.	Herbaceous	<i>V. tucanorum</i> Mart.	Woody
<i>S. erecta</i> Radlk.	Herbaceous	Unknown	
<i>S. reticulata</i> Cambess.	Herbaceous	Unknown sp. 1	Herbaceous