FLORA OF BRAZIL Federal District

No. R. 6453

Symplocos nitens (Pohl) Benth.

Parque Nacional de Brasília (HQ Buildings 15°44'S 47°55'W), stream running into the Cabeceira of the Córrego Barrigudo.

Growing out of the rapidly running clear water of the stream, in a low, narrow gallery.

Small tree, 12cm dbh, trunk broken off at 4.5m. Bark fairly smooth but showing a pattern of shallow cracking like the surface of an oil-painting. Corolla and staminal filament 'tube' waxy cream. Flowers with a strong, pleasant, vanilla-custard smell.

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