

FLORA OF BRAZIL
State of Maranhão

No. R. 6694

Mouriri pusa Gardner

Vernacular names: Pusá, Croada

Transect area, Fazenda Madeira, 7°11'S
47°25'W, approximately 17km N of Carolina.
In cerrado on very sandy soil.

Twin-trunked tree, 8m tall with the
thicker trunk 30 cm dbh. Bark very deeply
fissured into vertical ridges to 4cm deep.
Cauliflorous with flowers massed along the
branches and boughs. Petals waxy cream.
The vernacular 'Croada' seems to be a
contraction of 'Coroa de frade', the name
given to *M. elliptica* because of the
abscission scar at the top of the fruit,
and its use for this smooth-fruited
species is probably the result of popular
taxonomic confusion!

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