

FLORA OF BRAZIL

State of Mato Grosso

No. R 5029

Cassia grandis L. f.

Venacular name: Canafistula

On the margin of the Transpantaneira c. 3 km north of the IBDF base (approx 120 km from Poconé on the road to Porto Jofre).

Wide-crowned, roadside tree of rather weedy type, c. 9 m tall, branching from low on trunk (c. 1.2 m above ground level). Bark pale fawn, smooth with conspicuous but small lenticels and characteristic shallow horizontal ridges.

Covered in flowers and looking rather spectacular. Leaves few at present. Flowers pale pink on opening with a bright yellow median stripe on the posterior petal, changing in colour through salmon to dull golden-yellow with age.

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